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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WESTMORELAND NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

AND

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012

WESTMORELAND TOWN REPORT

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TOWN OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

Russell Austin, June Hammond, Jack Zeller

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Jo Ann LaBarre

MODERATOR

R. Bruce Smith

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Cindi H. Adler

TREASURER

Jo Ann LaBarre

CUSTODIAN

Reggie Goodnow

AUDITORS

Russell Kotfila, Nancy Zeller

ROAD AGENT

Gary Hudson

FIRE CHIEF

Harry Nelson

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

William Chase, Director & Beth Franzen, Deputy

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Robert Moore Jr. (resigned), David Wirth

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Larry Muchmore

HEALTH OFFICER

Lloyd Draper

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Lloyd Draper

PERAMBULATION AGENT

Jim Ranson

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Ed Johnson

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Nancy Hillier, Nancy Zeller, Elaine Moore

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Patrick Baker, Gary Gray, Melissa Hoffman

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Jo Ann LaBarre, Robert Moore, Robert Davis

N. H. STATE LIBRARY
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CONCORD, NH

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

Peter Longsjo, Medora Hebert, Cindy Cote, Louise Slayton, Lynn Zimmerman

DISPOSITION OF RECORDS COMMITTEE

Cindi Adler, Jo Ann LaBarre, Jack Zeller, June Hammond, Russ Austin

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Dawn Lincoln, Wesley Staples, Susan Finnegan, Russ Austin, Mike Acerno

PLANNING BOARD

Lauren Bressett, Laurie Burt, Bruce Smith, Jim Starkey, Dawn Lincoln, Richard Paul, June Hammond
Alternates - Jim Ranson, Nancy Zeller Clerk – Alison Fissette

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Peter Remy, John Burt, Brian Merry, Russell Huntley, Barry Shonbeck,
Alternates - Nancy Ranson, David Wirth Clerk – Jackie Cleary

WANTASKIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

Richard Schmidt, Donald Farquharson

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marshall Patmos, John Lukin, Richard Schmidt, Jim Ranson, Mame Odette, Ken Wright, Selena Galen
Alternate – Paula Page

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Gary Hudson, Jo Ann LaBarre, Susan Longsjo, David Poklemba

RECREATION COMMISSION

Susan Harris, Thomas Ainsworth, David Bressett, Mark Hayward, Jr., Billy Smith

PARK HILL MEETING HOUSE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Harris, Hugh Shelley, Patti Seymour, Jan Hurley, Jan Carpenter

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE

Gary Gray, Tom Bates

SOUTHWEST REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Harcke

SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

(Committees that are considered short-term and cease once their goal is met)

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Richard Schmidt, Mark Hayward, Jan Carpenter, Robert Hamilton, Virginia Gitchell

TOWN COMMON COMMITTEE

April Ferguson, Ted Ferguson, Reggie Goodnow, Pat Dugger, Gary Hudson, Jo Ann LaBarre

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dawn Lincoln, Peter Remy, Bruce Clement, Tim Thompson, Ted Ferguson,
Wesley Staples, June Hammond

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL OPEN FROM 11:00AM TO 7:00PM

To the Inhabitants of the Town of WESTMORELAND in the County of CHESHIRE in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Westmoreland on Tuesday, the ^{12th}~~thirteenth~~ day of March, in the year two thousand and thirteen at 11:00am of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Following the counting of ballots, the meeting will recess until 7:00pm on Wednesday, March ^{13,}~~14~~, 2013 at the school gymnasium. The balance of the Articles will be acted on at that time.

Article 2 To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative hereto.

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommended sum of \$1,083,394 for general town operations. This Article does not include special or individual articles addressed below. *Majority vote required.*

*Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) to purchase a 1-Ton Highway Truck with an all-season body and plows, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$51,500 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$43,500 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. *Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Two-thirds (2/3) ballot vote required.*

*Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand nine hundred and four dollars (\$19,904) to be placed in the existing Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund with said funds to come from unreserved fund balance. This represents the remainder of FEMA money received from the May 2012 floods. No amount to be raised from taxation. *Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.*

*Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. *Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.*

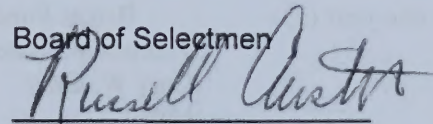
Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand-eight hundred dollars (\$6,800) to repair the transmission in the 2001 Int'l Highway Truck. *Majority vote required.*

*Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. *Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.*

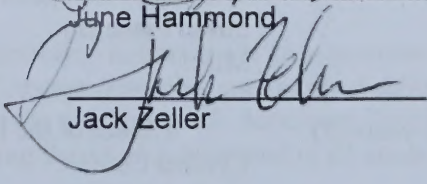
- *Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200) to repair the Woodard (East) Field basketball court and authorize the withdrawal of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) from the Recreation Fund created for that purpose. The balance of two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,200) is to come from general taxation. *Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.*
- *Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be placed in the existing Financial Audit Capital Reserve Fund. *Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.*
- *Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be placed in the existing Recreation Capital Reserve Fund. *Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.*
- Article 12 To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the income from the Jotham Lord Fund. This money (\$48.00) is included in the proposed operating budget. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 1993 with said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to be transferred to the town's general fund – approximately \$12.00. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the 2003 Ford 550 that was formerly used by the Highway Department. Any proceeds received from this sale will go into the Town's general fund. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 15 To see if the Town will vote, per RSA 231:22-a, to conditionally reclassify upon compliance with Town specifications, a portion of Old County Road to Class V (from Class VI) extending 1400', more or less, to a point inclusive of 500' of frontage on Map R10 Lot 9. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 16 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand this 11th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen.

Board of Selectmen


Russell Austin, Chairman


June Hammond


Jack Zeller

*Special Article

TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 13 & MARCH 14, 2012

The Annual Town Meeting (Elections) was called to order by R. Bruce Smith, Moderator, on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 11:00 am with the readings of Article One and Two of the Town Warrant and declaring the polls open. The remaining Articles are to be considered on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Westmoreland School during the Annual Town Meeting after a recess. Polls were declared closed at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 by R. Bruce Smith, Moderator.

Moderator R. Bruce Smith called the Westmoreland Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:02 pm at the Westmoreland School on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading through of the entire warrant aloud and then the reading of the results of Articles One and Two as follows:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

The results of balloting were as follows: Total ballots cast were 466 of the registered 1188 voters = 39%. The winners were declared by the Moderator, R. Bruce Smith with the reading of the results and are noted with an * after the number of votes received.

For three years	Selectman	
	Mark P. Hayward, Sr.	202
	Jack Zeller	258*
For one year	Town Clerk	
	Cindi H. Adler	427*
	Misc.	10
For one year	Treasurer	
	JoAnn LaBarre	439*
	Misc.	1
For one year (2)	Briggs Fund Committee	
	Thomas W. Bates	363*
	Gary W. Gray	369*
	Misc.	1
For three years	Budget Committee	
	William F. Campbell	179
	Susan Finnegan	248*
	Misc.	1
For three years (2)	Trustee of the Library	
	Cynthia Cote	375*
	Medora Hebert	345*
	Misc.	8
For three years	Trustee of Trust Funds	
	Patrick N. Baker	398*

	Misc.	2
For three years	Cemetery Trustee	
	Robert Moore, Jr.	416*
	Misc.	2
For one year	Tax Collector	
	Cindi H. Adler	426*
	Misc.	6
For two years	Auditor	
	Nancy Zeller	389*
	Misc.	12
For one Year	Auditor	
	Russell A. Kotfila	322*
	Robert Hamilton	23
	Misc	15
For two years	Moderator	
	R. Bruce Smith	416*
	Misc.	7
For six years	Supervisor of the Checklist	
	Elaine M. Moore	415*
	Misc.	5
For one year	Overseer of Public Welfare	
	Lloyd Draper	420*
	Misc.	3

ARTICLE 2: To see if the voters will approve the Zoning changes as proposed by the Planning Board.

ADDITIONS (NEW) TO SECTION 407

The Planning Board is in favor of these ordinances.

(Section 407.2 is new)

ARTICLE IV General Regulations

SECTION 407 Dwellings on Lots

SECTION 407.1 There will be only one residential building on a lot.

SECTION 407.2 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

Purpose

For the purpose of providing expanded housing opportunities and flexibility in household arrangements to accommodate family members or non-related people of a permitted, owner occupied, one family dwelling, while maintaining aesthetics and residential use compatible with homes in the neighborhood. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) shall be permitted by Special Exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment in all zones providing the following conditions are met:

- A. An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) shall be secondary and accessory to a one family dwelling.
- B. Only one ADU shall be allowed per lot. The ADU shall be part of (located within) the primary dwelling.
- C. In granting a Special Exception, the Board of Adjustment must find that the ADU is developed in a manner which does not alter the character or appearance of the dwelling as a one family residence.

- D. The person or persons who own the lot shall reside in either the **accessory dwelling unit** or the primary dwelling; except for temporary absences.
- E. Two means of egress from the ADU shall be provided. Any necessary additional entrances or exits shall be located to the side or rear of the building whenever possible.
- F. The gross living area of an ADU shall not be less than 300 square feet or be greater than 30% of the total floor area of the residential building.
- G. The existing or proposed septic system must be certified by a licensed septic designer or engineer as adequate to support the ADU and primary dwelling unit in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 485-A:38.
- H. The ADU shall comply with all other ordinances of the District it is located in.
- I. Adequate off-street parking shall be provided to serve the combined needs of the primary dwelling unit and the ADU, minimum three (3) parking spaces to serve both the primary dwelling unit and the ADU.
- J. Adequate provision must exist or be made for motor vehicle ingress or egress and turning of vehicles within the site.
- K. A building permit for an ADU must be approved and issued prior to its construction. An ADU shall have an interconnected fire alarm system and shall meet all fire safety and building codes.
- L. Accessory Dwelling Unit Certificate of Occupancy: If a property containing an approved ADU is conveyed and the new owner wishes to maintain the accessory unit, the new owner shall apply for a Certificate of Occupancy for the ADU. The purpose of this section is to ensure that one of the two dwelling units is owner-occupied.

ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THIS ADDITION YES 320* NO 111

ARTICLE 2 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY BALLOT VOTE.

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of Agents and take any action relative thereto.

Article moved by G. Russell Austin and seconded by Russell Kotfila.

No Discussion.

ARTICLE 3 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,083,545 for general town operations. The Selectmen recommend \$1,084,045. This Article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

Motion moved by G. Russell Austin and Seconded by Madeline Ullrich. Paul Berch asked if the motion goes by the Budget Committee or the Selectmen's amount? Gary Dermott asked what the difference represented. G. Russell Austin stated that the only difference was \$500 for the Emergency Management Line #4290 on page 14. The Selectmen proposed \$1800 and the Budget Committee proposed \$1300. Gary Dermott asked why the Selectmen increased it by \$500. G. Russell Austin stated that the Budget Committee had their figure prior to the Emergency Management Director's request. Beth Franzen, his assistant, stated that they did not get all they needed. They need a television, a white board and other items to help actually manage an emergency. The Moderator stated that the article needs to be amended in order to pass the Selectmen's proposed amount.

G. Russell Austin made motion to amend Article 4 to raise the proposed figure to \$1,084,045. Bruce Clement seconded the motion.

Bill Campbell stated that the reason the Budget Committee dropped the amount by \$500 was that when the School Board (who voted unanimously in the affirmative) said that the Emergency Operating Center could be housed and used at the Westmoreland School facility and the EOC would have a television, white board, laptop computer and other supplies they would need at the school already for use by the EOC. Beth Franzen stated that although the School Board had agreed that the school can house the EOC, the Emergency Management Director now says that it is not an appropriate place. A lot of emergencies will not require the school to shut down, so it is not appropriate – also for safety reasons. Bob Hamilton agreed that in Emergency situations, people would be coming and going, and if they should be in "lock down" mode, there could be safety issues. He believes that the EOC should not be in the school and therefore will need those supplies. Beth Franzen stated that when the school was considering (and accepted), the EOC a child was crying and had to go get their teacher to console them because

the child did not know the people there. The school would let the EOC be set up in the Library, and would have to enter and exit through the front doors and across the hall. There is no place where traffic can come and go directly into the room and it would have a negative emotional effect on the children. She went on to state that the equipment and supplies right now are at the Town Hall, but there is no generator there. G. Russell Austin stated some people want it at the school, and some want it in another place, but the EOC is under the Selectmen and the Selectmen will ultimately determine where the EOC will be located. Right now the EOC has some of its supplies at the Town Hall. Richard Paul said he was puzzled as to WHY a child would be afraid of Emergency Staff and asked how many times the school would have been open when cases have arisen that the EOC would have been activated. Were there any instances in the past 2 years that school would have been in session when the EOC should have been activated. Bill Chase and Beth Franzen would like to have an open public meeting in the next month or two to designate a station for the EOC. Beth stated that the staff was strangers to the children. The Moderator asked that the discussion be closed and we take a vote on the amendment. Richard Paul stated that no one had answered his questions. G. Russell Austin stated that he had suggested to Bill Chase that they have an open meeting to discuss questions and the question as to where they will be housed later.

The AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4 was too close for the Moderator to call by voice vote, so he asked for a Hand Count. Yes 93 – No 43. The amendment to add the \$500.00 to the budget PASSES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY HAND VOTE.

Robert Moore, Jr. asked why we did not entertain other questions on the budget. The Moderator stated that this would be the time. This Article is for the expenditures without the Articles, and the Articles, if approved and passed would be added to this amount for the final expenditures of the Town. G. Russell Austin stated that we were voting on the expenditures. Bob Moore stated he wants to come back to the Articles as this is the Budget we are voting on and the Articles are separate. He continued by stating that on the Revaluation page, there was no money from Surplus going to reduce from the Municipal Properties sold for non-payment of taxes and would like to see \$75,000 from surplus to be applied to reduce taxes. G. Russell Austin stated that that can't happen until the fall when the rate is set. That is when the Selectmen can take money out of surplus to defer the costs. Bob stated that we should be able to take this money from the land sales from surplus now and help defer the costs. We have an article for \$90,000 for a bridge and another \$30,000 to paint the Town Hall. We should be able to lower those it that. G. Russell Austin stated that this year the Selectmen did not take any surplus out because they had the sale of the land they used.

The now AMENDED ARTICLE 4, voting to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,084,045 is VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety one thousand two hundred dollars (\$91,200) for the purpose of replacing the Makinen Road Bridge #151/125. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article.

Motion to move by Russell Kotfila and seconded by Ellen Clement. Russell Kotfila spoke to the article stating that as you know, this bridge situation has been at us before in the past decade and we've had some contentious meetings in the past years. We took a look at this bridge situation from two angles, with the State Aid in and with the State aid out of the equation. If we take state aid, we have to do everything to state specs, they will reimburse us on a 20/80 basis, but the reimbursement schedule goes into 2020 right now. So that would mean, you would be bonding everything and paying for everything right now to do it. There has been some heated discussion over the past years by the Thompson Road people and the people on Makinen Road. What we did this year was different. We had an engineering study done because as far as the Select Board and the Budget Committee were concerned, we were going with the road. The reason for going with the road was that we would alleviate one of the bridges in town. The bridge itself has been temporarily repaired a couple of times already but the foundation of that bridge is really, really in poor shape. It is rated right now to 10 tons, but it is still red listed. Right up until the 12th hour, we were going with the road. Then the engineering study came in. What happened at that particular time was that we looked at bridge itself, with State aid the consensus was \$450,000, but as you can see, our price if the town did it itself, without State aid, it is \$91,200. When engineering study came in, it showed the grade for the road would be 15% which is unacceptable. If research had been done when we were considering opening the Thompson Road through all those years ago, we would have been informed that the grade at 15% was unacceptable and therefore

NO state aid would have been available and the road option would never have been in the equation. So even though we'll probably have to visit this bridge situation again in another 60 years, doing the road which was unacceptable when the report came in that the grade was 15% (the figure for the road had been \$190,210), we went with the bridge. John Bridges asked why the Town was so much less money than the State. Russ stated that bids were sought that were \$6,000 for the Town or \$53,000 for survey for the state with state specs. When we get the State funding, everything must be State specs and they expect that the bridge will last 100 plus years with theirs. Anything done for state funding whether it was the road or bridge, must be done with the state engineering, which would have been \$53,000 – \$70,000. The survey we had done for \$6,000 was very accurate and it is rated for right now. Russ stated it is now rated for 10 tons. Russ stated that we put in a temporary bridge, the abutments are shot and decaying, some is on ledge and that is starting to crack and crumble. The new bridge will be on blocks, not on ledge. It will be rated for the regular truck load of 35 tons and will come off the State's red list. The plans, when we get them will go to the State so they can make any suggestions. We have debated this for 10 years. We can go to the State for a bridge if you want to pay ½ million plus and then wait for 20 years for your money, but meanwhile we need to do something for the residents there. They have dealing with a temporary fix and the Town vehicles have been going over the bridge to plow, oil trucks, etc. and it is only rated for 10 tons. The bridge now is all decayed and there is no value to the temp bridge but we can put it up on blocks and then go over the temp bridge to secure it. We feel it is the best package for the Town, since the grade for the road was too steep for the road so that option was alleviated. State figures for the bridge in 2006 were \$450,000. We got our figures from our Road Agent, Gary Hudson and he has it broken down as the bridge's super structure coming in sections, already designed as \$82,300, abutments at \$1500, equipment rental at \$2500, 7" bed 100 yards @ \$11.12/yard = \$1,112, gravel 100 yards @ \$11.25/yard = \$2,250 and 20 ton asphalt @ \$70/ton = \$1400 for a total of \$91,142, and the weight for the bridge at 35 ton. Gary Dermot asked if we spent \$6,000 on a study or was that with the design. How did you come up with the figure? The figure came from the Road Agent. \$82,380 is for the Bridge, coming in sections, already structured and designed, \$1500 for abutments, 7" ledge \$1112, gravel \$2250 and other supplies etc 1400, which brings it to \$91142. Susan Finnegan asked what tonnage the \$450,000 Bridge would have given us if the \$90,000 Bridge is 35 tons. The State did not say, but the assumption would be the regulated \$35 tons.

Wesley Staples made a motion we should amend the article to raise \$30,000 this year and borrow the rest and pay over not more than 5 years. Gary Dermott seconded the motion. Jo Ann LaBarre, Treasurer stated that we should not lock into a 5 year as the interest rates vary on longer or shorter loans and we probably don't want to tie the Selectmen into 5 year. Wesley stated that we could leave it up to the Selectmen for the time schedule. Bill Fosher asked if it was legal to talk about money changes. Jo Ann stated that as long as we don't make changes over 100,000 total. Barry Shonbeck asked since we are having discussion, on a \$100,000, what would the effect of \$60,000 be. Jo Ann stated about 6 cents on \$1,000. Kelly Goodrich stated that adding interest would change that amount. G. Russell Austin asked Wesley if he wants his amendment to raise \$30,000 and finance the rest. Wesley stated no. It is just there is \$200,000 in warrant articles. Scott Leslie asked if the town is allocating \$75,000 from the sale from properties this past year. The Selectmen stated no. He stated that if the State gets involved and shuts us down, we will be paying more for a bridge we need. Gary Dermott stated that is not the case of not doing it, it is just how. Richard Paul asked to move questions.

AMENDMENT to ARTICLE 5 to raise \$30,000 and finance the additional over the next years was too close for Moderator to call by voice vote. Hand Count revealed YES 57, NO 68.

AMENDMENT to ARTICLE 5 was defeated.

Original Article was now back on the table. Gwen Frost asked why we cannot use the \$75,000 the town received from the sale of properties. Jo Ann LaBarre stated that the money from the sale of those properties must go into the general fund and into surplus. It cannot be used against a Warrant Article.

ARTICLE 5, in its original form was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article.

Motion to move by G. Russell Austin and seconded by Jack Zeller. G. Russell Austin spoke to the article stating that it was pretty straight forward. We are adding \$30,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund to the \$13,500 that is in there now. We are just adding to it.

ARTICLE 6 is VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to paint and repair the exterior of the Town Hall and raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for this purpose. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article.

Motion moved by June Hammond and seconded by Madeline Ullrich. June Hammond stated that they were hoping to open bids right away for this. They asked for \$30,000 because some boards need replacing. This is an old and historical building. Jim Starkey asked if they hadn't opened bids yet, how they came up with a figure of \$30,000, and if that was sufficient. June stated that a few different people had looked at it and gave that amount. Jim asked what the qualifications of the people who gave the quotes were. Dick Schmidt stated that one quote was from Village Painter and from other reputable painters. We need to make sure it is done right. If it is over \$30,000, we are saying yes to the selectmen for the \$30,000. Jim Starkey stated that in the past, as in the Town Hall renovations, we have voted to raise money, and the renovations that were to be done weren't all done, and we would like to avoid a situation like that again. Ted Ferguson stated that there should have been specs out for one to give a quote...does it include the steeple? Is it the whole Town Hall? Are you looking at one coat of paint? Or What? June stated that the sides most needing would be done first. Ted asked if they are just touching it up then. It should be known...you should have firm prices instead of shooting off the hip. G. Russell Austin stated that the Town Hall's exterior was last done in 2002 and cost \$13,000. Dick Schmidt, Mark Hayward, Sr. and Jim Merritt have done some help in these situations. One definite quote on paper was \$26,975 which included some of the inside (tin ceiling). Dick tested what we thought were tin ceilings and said they were really steel. That may change the bid, if that is included. Ted would like to have specific guidelines for the painting to be done maybe by Dan Shelley. Doug Oatley stated that he loves this town and maybe we should slow down a bit until we can get some accurate quotes and maybe put it on the back burner for now. Dawn Lincoln stated that we haven't solicited bids, if we are going to do it, we should regard all figures as estimated and then near time for the actual painting, get the bids in. Lisa Marazoff stated we only have one estimate, how do we know if it actually goes to bid that it goes to the best for the Town. G. Russell Austin stated that they will make sure. It will be a formal bidding. Bill Campbell stated that there is a bidding process in place for anything over \$3,000. Lisa Hoffmann asked where the money would go if all the bids go over and the project is not done. The Moderator stated that the money would go into the General Fund. Bruce Clement stated that maybe we should pass over this article and put it off for one more year. He would like to know the pros and cons of putting it off for another year. G. Russell Austin stated that they had put it in because there was enough interest, and that usually they say 10 years for a paint job. Dick Schmidt stated that if we put it off, there will be more wood decay. It is not that bad but it has started, and should have attention. Mark Hayward, Sr. was under the understanding that the money from selling the properties was to be spent on insulation, windows, etc, not added to the Warrant Articles.

ARTICLE 7 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE by VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$39,500) to purchase a generator for the Town Hall and Fire Department. The cost of this project will be partially funded by a grant of \$19,750 from FEMA. The remaining cost of \$19,750 will be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:3, VI & 32:7, IV for as long as the money remains available under the rules of the granting entity (FEMA). The Select Board recommends and the Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.

Motion moved by G. Russell Austin and seconded by Ellen Clement. G. Russell Austin stated that Bill Chase, as Emergency Management Director, asked us to postpone this article indefinitely, which would kill it. Mark Hayward, Sr. made the motion that we accept the recommendation and withdraw the Article. Paul Berch seconded the motion. Bob Moore asked for point of order. The Moderator asked for vote to withdraw Article 8.

ARTICLE 8 WITHDRAWN by VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purchase of an additional LP gas stove for the Town Hall kitchen. (Submitted by Petition) Both the Select Board and the Budget Committee do not recommend this Article.

Motion moved by G. Russell Austin and seconded by Madeline Ullrich. G. Russell Austin stated that is much the same as the last Article. We don't need another new stove as another one was previously purchased, so we have two now, but it came in as a Petition, so it needed to be put in. The Select Board recommends the Town vote it down.

ARTICLE 9 is DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Financial Audit and to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be placed in this fund. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article.

Motion moved by Russell Kotfila and seconded by Wesley Staples. Russ Kotfila stated that this is for a General Audit. We are just putting money away so as get on a periodic schedule

ARTICLE 10 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE by VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred and twenty five dollars (\$2,525) for the fire department to purchase equipment for the new brush truck with said funds to come from unreserved fund balance. This represents the monies from the sale of the old brush truck.

June Hammond moved the motion and it was seconded Jack Zeller. June stated that this was an easy one. It represents the monies from the sale of the old brush truck. They want it to purchase equipment for the new one.

ARTICLE 11 was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept new Cemetery Trust funds in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article.

Motion was moved by June Hammond and seconded by G. Russell Austin. June spoke to the Article saying. How do we raise money? We sell Cemetery lots. Pat Baker stated that the Trustees of Trust Funds cannot accept sale of lots and donations without approval from the Town. As you will see in Article 14, the Town voters, or the Selectmen if the Town has voted them to do so are the only way there is to accept gifts in trust.

ARTICLE 12 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the income from the Jotham Lord Fund. This money (\$31.00) is included in the proposed operating budget.

Motion was made by Bruce Clement and seconded by Ellen Clement to give these funds to the Town Library. June Hammond spoke to the article stating that these funds were interest from a trust.

ARTICLE 13 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept trust and legacies made to them for the establishment, maintenance and care of any public place or purpose. This authorization is in accordance with RSA 31:19 shall remain in effect indefinitely or until rescinded by a vote of the municipal meeting.

Motion was moved by G. Russell Austin and seconded by Patrick Baker. Selena Gallen asked if it should say "to the Town" instead of "to them". G. Russell Austin stated that they had their attorney write it. Patrick Baker stated that the Town refers to everyone. The Selectmen are the Agent. Barry Shonbeck asked if they are allowed to accept or decline. Patrick Baker stated that Jotham Lord set his up in 1818, and we do have the right to decline. Jo Ann LaBarre stated that the Town cannot accept any Trust that has any liability to the Town.

ARTICLE 14 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to negotiate and enter into a cable franchise agreement with Argent Communications for cable television, internet, and communication systems for the Town of Westmoreland or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion was moved by G. Russell Austin and seconded by Madeline Ullrich. G. Russell Austin stated that if approved, the Town in giving the Select Board permission (authority) to negotiate with counsel and the cable company. The Town hasn't had an agreement with the cable company in Town for quite some time. This is giving the Select Board permission to talk with them and counsel. Wendy Putnam stated that she is a nurse at Maplewood and the cable company has done away with NSEN and ESPN and the residents are no longer able to get those channels. She would like the Selectmen to urge the cable company to get those back for the residents. Laurel Moody stated that Maplewood residents should be able to receive the sports channels, and have them in Mrs. Ray's honor, knowing what a huge Red Sox fan she was. Pat Bentrup asked if this is to cover ALL the Town. The residents at the north end of town would like cable and internet services. David Marazoff stated that they should entertain amending the "negotiate and enter into" to report to the Town and keep the people in the loop before it is okayed and prior to any acceptance. G. Russell Austin stated that it should say "possibly enter into" and maybe they have a public meeting. Patrick Baker asked if the Select Board could talk to these without talking to the Town Meeting. Argent sent the contract. Bill Fosher stated that we should entertain deleting the name of the company so the Select Board could talk to any other companies interested. Jason Magee said they get nothing except electricity and possibly dial-up on Mt. Gilboa Road and would like the opportunity to have cable. The Select Board should negotiate with cable companies and bring services to ALL of Westmoreland. Ellie Cook asked why people not receiving cable don't just get satellite? G. Russell Austin stated we could have an open meeting to discuss what can be done. Russ Kotfila stated that a few years ago we had Pine Tree Cable and they went out and Argent came in. They were willing to pay the town revenue. Barry Shonbeck asked if this is an exclusive contract and Russ Kotfila said yes. Lisa Marazoff asked if this is going to be a provider to just Town office, etc or ALL the Town, and is it going to affect other suppliers. G. Russell Austin did not have any answers. Paul Berch stated this decision effects people in personal ways. There needs to be open communication.

Jo Ann LaBarre amended article to take out the words "with Argent Communications". Bill Campbell seconded the motion. Richard Schmidt stated that Argent owns the lines. We can't have another company because they would have to use other wires. John Bridges stated that they personally tried negotiating with other companies when they moved in. He highly doubts that they are going to allow other cable companies in on their lines. The amendment to remove the words "with Argent Communications" was VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE by voice vote.

AMENDED ARTICLE 15 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Nancy Sandahl stated that Old Home Days would be held August 17, 18 & 19 this year. They will have a few fundraisers to help raise money for a successful time. Please see the papers that were passed out or pick one up on your way out.

The Planning Board's last Master Plan was done in 2003. They are organizing a committee for an update. Please let the Select Board know if you are interested.

If you wish to have the Select Board Meeting Minutes emailed to you, get your email address to Jo Ann LaBarre, Administrative Assistant.

Motion was made to Adjourn at 9:20 p.m. by Paul Berch and seconded by John Lukin.

ADJOURNMENT VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

Submitted by,
Cindi H. Adler
Town Clerk

2013 BUDGET - EXPENSES

		Budget 2012	Actuals 2012	Selectmen Budget 2013	Budget Comm Budget 2013
01E · GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
4130	Executive	61,378	61,679	63,178	63,178
4140	Election & Registration	31,248	29,572	25,800	25,800
4150	Financial Administration	38,256	38,094	38,810	38,810
4153	Legal	10,100	1,550	5,000	5,000
4155	Personnel Administration	100,483	99,760	98,784	98,784
4191	Planning & Zoning	7,039	3,890	2,325	2,325
4194	General Gov't Building	22,655	15,630	28,685	28,685
4195	Cemeteries	12,500	12,500	12,000	12,000
4196	Insurance not Allocated	11,807	11,263	12,704	12,704
02E · PUBLIC SAFETY					
4210	Police	1,500	729	1,000	1,000
4215	Ambulance	33,976	33,975	36,545	36,545
4220	Fire & Rescue	30,215	28,714	30,482	30,482
4240	Building Inspection	2,000	995	1,500	1,500
4290	Emergency Management	1,800	1,201	2,400	2,400
4299	Mutual Aid	17,549	17,549	18,113	18,113
03E · HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
4311	Highway Administration	126,000	123,065	126,000	126,000
4312	Highways & Streets	404,725	404,725	410,125	410,125
4313	Bridges	2,500	2,500	0	0
4316	Street Lighting	3,500	3,518	4,000	4,000
04E · SANITATION					
4324	Solid Waste & Recycling	91,843	92,444	93,087	93,087
06E · HEALTH					
4411	Health Officer	200	235	235	235
4414	Animal Control	200	270	300	300
4415	Agencies & Services	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,200
07E · WELFARE					
4441	Welfare Officer	180	180	230	230
4442	Direct Assistance	5,000	4,711	5,000	5,000
08E · CULTURE AND RECREATION					
4520	Parks & Recreation	1,500	1,425	1,500	1,500
4550	Library	32,290	32,290	32,290	32,290
4583	Patriotic Purposes	400	326	400	400
09E · CONSERVATION					
4319	Commission	300	296	600	600
12E · DEBT SERVICE					
4721	Principal - Fire Dept Tanker	26,500	26,500	26,500	26,500
4711	Long-Term Interest	1,200	1,110	600	600
4723	Tan Interest	1	0	1	1
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$1,084,045	\$1,055,895	\$1,083,394	\$1,083,394

13E · CAPITAL OUTLAY					
4902 - MACHINERY, VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT					
	Equipment for Fire Dept Brush Truck	2,525	2,500	0	0
	Highway Truck	0	0	95,000	95,000
4903 - BUILDINGS					
	Town Hall Exterior Painting	30,000	28,330	0	0
4909 - OTHER IMPROVEMENTS					
	Transmission for 2001 Int'l	0	0	6,800	6,800
	Woodard Field Court Repairs	0	0	4,200	4,200
	Makine Road Bridge Replacement	91,200	91,200	0	0
14E · INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT					
4915 · TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE					
	Bridge Reconstruction	0	0	19,904	19,904
	Highway Equipment	30,000	30,000	15,000	15,000
	Fire Equipment	0	0	5,000	5,000
	Recreation Fund	0	0	500	500
	Financial Audit	3,000	3,000	4,000	4,000
	TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES	\$156,725	\$155,030	\$150,404	\$150,404
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,240,770	\$1,210,925	\$1,233,798	\$1,233,798
	LESS AMOUNT OF ESTIMATED REVENUE	\$570,176		\$546,639	\$546,639
	AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$670,594		\$687,159	\$687,159
	(Exclusive of School & County Taxes)				

		<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
Property Tax Impact from Proposed Budget	Increase:	\$16,565	\$16,565
		2.5%	2.5%
Tax Rate increase from Proposed Budget	Increase:	\$0.09	\$0.09
(2012 Tax Rate - \$3.95)		2.34%	2.34%
Tax Impact on \$100,000 home	Increase:	\$9.23	\$9.23

Budget Committee: Wes Staples, Dawn Lincoln, Susan Finnegan, Mike Acerno, Russ Austin

2013 BUDGET - REVENUE

		Anticipated Revenue 2012	Actual Revenue 2012	Selectmen's Anticipated Revenue 2013	Budget Comm Anticipated Revenue 2013
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Tax	3,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
3185	Yield Taxes	15,000	17,010	15,000	15,000
3187	Excavation Tax	1,376	1,376	1,400	1,400
3190	Interest & Penalties-Taxes	17,000	16,268	17,000	17,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	625	1,350	1,025	1,025
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	226,600	220,501	221,600	221,600
3230	Building Permits	1,500	995	1,500	1,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	8,363	10,543	12,145	12,145
FROM STATE					
3352	Rooms & Meals	76,830	76,818	70,000	70,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	75,759	75,759	60,000	60,000
3356	Forest Land Reimbursement	17	17	17	17
FROM OTHER GOVT'S					
3379	Forest Fire Reimbursement	332	333	300	300
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401	Income from Departments	6,000	5,833	6,200	6,200
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Equipment	600	600	500	500
3502	Interest	1,595	1,557	1,500	1,500
3503	Rent of Property	6,000	5,850	6,000	6,000
3506	Insurance Dividends	0	0	10,170	10,170
3509	Other	600	734	550	550
INTERFUND TRANSFERS					
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds:	0	0	45,512	45,512
3916	Trust Funds	1,454	1,474	2,316	2,316
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proceeds from long-term notes	0	0	51,500	51,500
3939	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	2,525	2,500	19,904	19,904
3939	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	125,000	125,000	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS		570,176	567,018	546,639	546,639

FINANCIAL REPORT - BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ending December 31, 2012

Assets

Cash in Hand of Treasurer		\$106,208.48
Cash Investments		1,235,941.85
Cash Conservation Fund		59,356.66
Cash Capital Reserve Funds		195,663.43
Unredeemed Taxes:	Levy of 2011	49,330.26
	Prior	10,560.25
Uncollected Taxes:	Property Taxes - 2012	146,732.50
	Timber Taxes - 2012	239.45
Less Allowance for Refunds & Abatements		(8,974.90)
Long-term Debt		26,500.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,821,557.98

Liabilities & Fund Equity

Liabilities:		
School Tax Payable		1,193,454.00
Special Revenue Fund:	Conservation	59,356.66
Reserved Accounts:	Cemetery Stone Repair	4,337.50
	01 Int'l Engine	9,441.87
	Bridge Repair	2,500.00
	Makinen Road Bridge	8,539.00
	May 2012 Storm Damage	5,200.00
	Town Hall Repairs	3,200.00
	Total Reserved Accounts	33,218.37
Capital Reserve Funds:	Bridge Reconstruction (2002)	69,521.14
	Fire Equipment (1982)	906.81
	Highway Equipment (1982)	43,563.31
	Municipal Land Purchase (2006)	73,480.99
	Revaluation (1993)	11.74
	Town Hall Clock (2009)	3,015.88
	Financial Audit (2012)	3,000.00
	Recreation (1975)	2,163.56
	Total Capital Reserve Funds	195,663.43
Long-term Notes:	Conn. River Bank - Fire Tanker	26,500.00
Total Liabilities		1,508,192.46
Fund Equity:		
	Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus):	
	2012	57,857.83
	Prior	255,507.69
	Total Fund Balance	313,365.52
Total Fund Equity		313,365.52
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES		\$1,821,557.98

INVENTORY VALUATION

Residential Land	46,823,600
Residential Building	108,965,100
Current Use Land	1,988,495
Commercial Land	5,781,600
Commercial Buildings	8,647,400
Manufactured Buildings	480,500
Public Utilities	1,654,900
NET VALUE PRIOR TO EMEMPTIONS	174,341,595
Exemptions to Value	170,000
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION ON TAX RATE	\$174,171,595

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Fire Department – Land and Buildings	609,200
Town Hall – Furniture and Equipment	251,000
Library - Land and Buildings	319,100
Library - Contents	145,000
Police Department Equipment	3,000
Fire Department – Contents	126,000
Highway Department – Land and Building	193,600
Highway Department – Contents	135,000
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	306,000
School – Land and Buildings	1,907,500
Historical Land, Buildings	148,700
Transfer Station – Land and Buildings	120,500
Misc. Land (9 properties)	167,700
Cemeteries (9)	
TOTAL	\$4,432,300

APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive	\$61,378
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	31,248
Financial Administration	38,256
Legal Expense	10,100
Personnel Administration	100,483
Planning & Zoning	7,039
General Government Building	22,655
Cemeteries	12,500
Insurance	11,807
Police	1,500
Ambulance	33,976
Fire & Rescue	30,215
Building Inspector	2,000
Emergency Management	1,800
Mutual Aid	17,549
Highways & Streets - Admin	126,000
Highways & Streets	404,725
Bridge Repair	2,500
Street Lighting	3,500
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	91,843
Health Officer	200
Animal Control	200
Health Agencies	5,200
Welfare Admin	180
Welfare - Direct Assistance	5,000
Parks & Recreation	1,500
Library	32,290
Patriotic Purposes	400
Conservation Commission	300
TAN Interest	1
Debt Service	26,500
Debt Service - Interest	1,200
Capital Outlay	123,725
Capital Reserve Funds	33,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN	\$1,240,770
Less Revenues	570,176
Add-War Service Credits	6,900
Add -Overlay	<u>9,945</u>
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION	687,439
NET LOCAL EDUCATION TAX	1,959,848
STATE EDUCATION TAX	433,606
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT	<u>595,199</u>
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY	\$3,676,092
Less-War Service Credits	<u>6,900</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$3,669,192
NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$3,007,854
Less-ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	614,400
Less-STATE EDUCATION TAX	<u>433,606</u>
	\$1,959,848

2012 Tax Rate

School - Local	\$11.25
School - State	\$2.51
County	\$3.42
Town	<u>\$3.95</u>
	\$21.13

TREASURER'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2012

Checking Account Balance - January 1, 2012	\$87,813.19
Activity:	
plus receipts	4,283,529.50
less payments	4,300,134.21
plus investment cash flow	<u>35,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2012:	\$106,208.48

Investment Account Balance - January 1, 2012	1,269,420.32
plus transfers in	2,426,521.53
less transfers out	<u>2,460,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2012:	\$1,235,941.85

Distribution of Cash-on-Hand General Fund Accounts:

TDBanknorth Checking	\$106,208.48
TDBanknorth Investment Account	\$1,235,097.83
MBIA Investment Account	<u>\$844.02</u>
Total Cash-on-Hand 12/31/12	\$1,342,150.33

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 2012

Local Taxes:		Licenses, Permits & Fees:	
Property Taxes - 2011	156,263.26	Business Licenses & Permits:	
Property Taxes - 2012	3,534,840.50	UCC/Filing Fees	1,325.00
Tax Leins Redeemed	19,345.89	Junk Yard Fee	25.00
Taxes Sold to Town	54,902.14	Motor Vehicle Fees:	
Land Use Change Tax	5,000.00	Motor Vehicle Permits	213,771.00
Yield (Timber) Tax	15,846.82	Motor Vehicle Title Application Fee	628.00
Excavation Tax	1,376.02	Motor Vehicle State Fees	5,085.00
Tax Interest & Penalties:		MV State Fees - Town	1,017.00
Current	11,885.32	Building Permits	995.02
Redemptions	<u>4,382.98</u>	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees:	
	\$3,803,842.93	Dog Licenses	3,864.50
		Marriage Licenses	135.00
From Federal Government:		Vital Statistics Requests	175.00
May 2012 Floods	\$49,278.53	Pistol Permits	470.00
		Planning & Zoning Hearings	1,268.00
State Sources:		Bank Fees	280.00
Rooms & Meals Distribution	76,817.99	Candidacy Filing Fees	13.00
Highway Block Grant	75,759.10	Transfer Station Permit Fees	172.00
Forest Land Reimbursement	16.93	Transfer Station Fees (Items)	<u>4,165.00</u>
Firefighter Training Grant	1,880.86		\$233,388.52
Shelter Generator Grant	<u>27,685.00</u>		
	\$182,159.88	Sale of Town Owned Equipment	\$600.00
Forest Fire Reimbursement	\$332.65	Interest - Checking Account	\$35.25
Income from Departments:		From Rent of Property:	
Fire Department Fuel	1,240.51	Post Office Rent	5,000.04
Recycling - Transfer Station	<u>4,592.81</u>	Town Hall Rent	<u>850.00</u>
	\$5,833.32		\$5,850.04

Treasurer's Report, continued

Other Misc. Revenue:		Interfund Transfers In:	
Town History Book Sales	364.00	Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,442.67
Copies & Postage	330.00	Jotham Lord Trust Fund	<u>31.32</u>
Misc.	<u>40.39</u>		\$1,473.99
	\$734.39		

TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS **\$4,283,529.50**

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2012

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive Office:		Financial Administration:	
Administrative Assistant	45,000.02	Tax Collector	10,733.29
Selectmen	6,000.00	Tax Collector Fees	1,213.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	150.00	Auditor	500.00
Tax Maps	2,917.00	Treasurer	1,500.00
Printing	1,705.10	Deputy Tax Collector	105.00
Dues	1,426.38	Property Assessing	18,000.00
Notices	211.68	Bank Charges	568.55
Equipment Agreements	440.00	Recording Fees	39.35
Software Agreements	1,888.20	Dues	65.00
Supplies	694.45	Software Agreements	2,308.72
Postage & PO Fees	829.54	Tax Collector Supplies	622.97
Equipment	64.99	Treasurer Supplies	455.85
Jotham Lord Fund	31.32	Postage	<u>1,982.35</u>
Other	<u>320.00</u>		\$38,094.08
	\$61,678.68		
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:		Legal Expenses:	
Town Clerk	5,640.59	Attorney Fees	\$1,550.25
Town Clerk Fees	14,407.00		
Deputy Town Clerk	300.00	Personnel Administration:	
Election Fees	300.00	Health Insurance	61,539.00
Supervisors of Checklist Fees	545.00	Dental Insurance	2,976.66
Ballot Clerk Fees	435.00	FICA	16,891.05
Town Clerk Telephone	1,211.50	Medicare	3,950.37
Printing	192.40	Retirement	<u>14,402.69</u>
Notices	406.64		\$99,759.77
Election Day Dinners	1,310.02		
Town Clerk Supplies	509.80	Planning & Zoning:	
Postage	1,200.08	Clerk Fees	1,200.00
Town Clerk Publications	39.00	SWRPC Membership Dues	2,062.00
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	1,010.12	Notices	308.91
Vital Statistics	77.00	Supplies	253.94
Equipment	1,912.42	Postage	<u>65.00</u>
Other	<u>75.00</u>		\$3,889.85
	\$29,571.57		

Treasurer's Report, continued

General Government Buildings:

Custodian	4,216.63
Telephone	1,972.16
Electricity	1,794.54
Heating Fuel	1,892.72
Propane	72.71
Repairs & Maintenance	2,394.99
Supplies	398.42
Mowing	1,615.00
Equipment	<u>273.00</u>
	\$14,630.17

Cemeteries:	\$8,162.50
Insurance Not Allocated/Dept:	
Worker's Compensation	5,504.00
Property Insurance	2,523.84
Liability Insurance	<u>3,234.95</u>
	\$11,262.79

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

\$268,599.66

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:	\$728.99
Ambulance Service:	\$33,975.48
Building Inspector:	\$995.02
Emergency Management:	
Salary	200.00
Supplies	710.00
Forest Fire Control	<u>290.79</u>
	\$1,200.79
Mutual Aid Service:	\$17,549.00
Fire & Rescue Departments:	
Fire Chief Salary	1,000.00
Firemen Salaries	4,996.77
Telephones/Internet	970.79
Training	750.00
Electricity	854.96
Heating Fuel	2,211.11
E&O Insurance	590.28
Life Insurance	440.00
Vehicle Insurance	2,691.54
Dues	350.00
Office Supplies	48.02
Building Repair/Maintenance	548.34
Radio Repair	98.00
Flow Testing	1,575.00
Vehicle Fuel	1,240.51
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	5,442.33
Vehicle Inspection/Registration	250.00
Equipment - New	3,021.11
Equipment - Rescue	<u>1,635.45</u>
	\$28,714.21

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY: \$83,163.49

HIGHWAYS & STREETS:

Uniforms	3,385.94
Telephone	996.13
Drug/Alcohol Testing	196.00
Electricity	1,268.14
Heating Fuel	850.00
Hired Equipment	3,540.00
Vehicle Insurance	3,146.71
Dues & Membership	275.00
Notices	96.66
Building Repair/Maintenance	869.76
Paving- Asphalt	207,482.40
Paving- Shimming	2,416.32
Salt & Chloride	44,747.29
Sand & Gravel	30,990.53
Vehicle Fuel & Oil	35,151.06
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	40,505.58
Cutting Edges	1,755.18
Tires	6,078.97
Vehicle Inspection/Registration	354.00
Culverts	3,906.40
Signs	2,060.33
Equipment	4,849.40
Other	<u>361.33</u>
	\$395,283.13

Highway Administration:

Temporary Wages	4,398.24
Permanent Wages	<u>118,666.44</u>
	\$123,064.68

Street Lighting \$3,518.11

TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREETS: \$521,865.92

Treasurer's Report, continued

SANITATION:

Solid Waste Disposal:	
Employee Salaries	23,499.17
Telephone	389.86
Disposal of Recyclables	1,525.00
Disposal Service	59,684.75
Testing Fees	4,800.00
Electricity	505.64
Dues	93.70
Supplies	147.24
Building Repairs	52.00
Equipment	1,561.60
Other	185.00

TOTAL SANITATION: \$92,443.96

CULTURE & RECREATION:

Park & Recreation:	
Mowing	1,425.00
Patriotic Purposes	326.16
	\$1,751.16

Library:	
Library Salaries	23,116.90
Appropriation	9,173.10
	\$32,290.00

TOTAL CULTURE & REC: \$34,041.16

CONSERVATION:

Dues	210.00
Other	86.25

TOTAL CONSERVATION: \$296.25

TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES:

OTHER EXPENSES

Refund of Property Tax	1,225.46
Overpayment of Property Tax	1,338.00
County Taxes	595,199.00
School District	2,394,596.00
Transfer to Conservation Fund	2,500.00
Taxes Bought By Town	59,839.34

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES:

GRAND TOTAL ALL PAYMENTS

HEALTH:

Health Officer Admin	235.00
Animal Control	270.00
Agencies & Services	5,200.00
	\$5,705.00

WELFARE:

Welfare Officer Salary	150.00
Dues/Workshops	30.00
Direct Assistance	4,710.57
	\$4,890.57

TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE: \$10,595.57

DEBT SERVICE:

Principal - Fire Dept Tanker	26,500.00
Interest	1,110.10

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE: \$27,610.10

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Brush Truck Equipment	2,500.00
Makinen Bridge Replacement	82,661.00
Town Hall Exterior Painting	26,130.00

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY: \$111,291.00

TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:

Highway Equipment	30,000.00
Financial Audit	3,000.00

TOTAL TRANSFERS TO CR FUNDS: \$33,000.00

\$1,182,907.11

Grants/Fema:

May '12 Flood - Road Repair	24,174.02
Shelter Generator	27,685.00
Fire Department Training	2,995.20
Reserved from 2011:	
Cemetery Stone Repair	4,650.08
Land Surveying	3,025.00

\$3,117,227.10

\$4,300,134.21

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (MBIA)

Balance - January 1, 2012	\$844.02
Plus Deposits in 2012	\$0.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2012	\$0.00
Less Withdrawals in 2012	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2012	\$844.02

TDBanknorth Investment Account

Balance - January 1, 2012	\$1,268,576.30
Plus Deposits in 2012	\$2,425,000.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2012	\$1,521.53
Less Withdrawals in 2012	<u>\$2,460,000.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2012	\$1,235,097.83

Conservation Commission Account

Balance - January 1, 2012	\$56,794.92
Plus Deposits in 2012	\$2,500.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2012	\$61.74
Less Withdrawals in 2012	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2012	\$59,356.66

LOANS OUTSTANDING

Fire Tanker - Connecticut River Bank

Date of Loan - 11/04/10
Maturity of Loan - 12/31/13
Amount of Loan - \$79,500
Rate of Loan - 2.20%
Payment per year - \$26,500 plus interest
Amount owed on loan (as of 1/1/13) - \$26,500

Respectfully Submitted,



Jo Ann LaBarre
Treasurer

COMPARITIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriation	Receipts	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance/Overdraft
4130	Executive	\$61,378	\$61,739	\$61,679	\$61
4140	Elec. Reg. VS	31,248	36,748	29,572	7,176
4150	Financial Admin	38,256	38,536	38,094	442
4153	Legal Expenses	10,100	10,100	1,550	8,550
4155	Personel Admin	100,483	100,483	99,760	723
4191	Planning & Zoning	7,039	8,307	3,890	4,417
4194	Gov't. Buildings	22,655	22,655	15,630	7,025
4195	Cemeteries	12,500	13,943	12,500	1,443
4196	Insurance not Allocated	11,807	11,807	11,263	544
4210	Police	1,500	1,500	729	771
4215	Ambulance	33,976	33,976	33,975	1
4220	Fire & Rescue	30,215	30,215	28,714	1,501
4240	Building Inspec.	2,000	2,995	995	2,000
4290	Emergency Mgt.	1,800	2,133	1,201	932
4299	Mutual Aid	17,549	17,549	17,549	0
4311	Highway Admin.	126,000	126,000	123,065	2,935
4312	Highway & Streets	404,725	405,966	404,725	1,241
4313	Bridges	2,500	2,500	2,500	0
4316	Street Lighting	3,500	3,500	3,518	(18)
4324	Transfer Station	91,843	100,773	92,444	8,329
4411	Health Administration	200	200	235	(35)
4414	Animal Control	200	200	270	(70)
4415	Health Agencies	5,200	5,200	5,200	0
4441	Welfare Administration	180	180	180	0
4442	Direct Assistance	5,000	5,000	4,711	289
4520	Parks & Rec.	1,500	1,500	1,425	75
4550	Library	32,290	32,290	32,290	0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	400	400	326	74
4611	Conservation	300	300	296	4
4711	Debt. Service	26,500	26,500	26,500	0
4721	Interest-Long Term	1,200	1,200	1,110	90
4723	Interest on TAN	1	1	0	1
4902	Brush Truck Equipment	2,525	5,050	2,500	2,550
4903	Town Hall Painting	30,000	30,000	28,330	1,670
4909	Makinen Road Bridge	91,200	91,200	91,200	0
4915	Capital Reserve Funds	33,000	33,000	33,000	0
	TOTALS	\$1,240,770	\$1,263,645	\$1,210,925	\$52,720

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Accounts—Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012

DEBITS

	2012	2011	2010	Prior
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year				
Property Taxes		190,155.00		
Yield Taxes		20,436.66		
Taxes Committed This Year				
Property Taxes	3,681,572.00			
Land Use Change	5,000.00			
Yield Taxes	17,010.11			
Excavation Tax	1,376.02			
Overpayments				
Property Taxes	1.00	1,338.00		
Interest Collected	1,421.21	12,700.30		
Interest Abated		100.29		
TOTAL DEBITS	3,706,380.34	224,730.25		

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year				
Property Taxes	3,534,840.50	156,263.26		
Land Use Change	5,000.00			
Yield Taxes	15,801.56	45.26		
Interest	1,421.21	12,700.30		
Excavation Taxes	1,376.02			
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		54,902.14		
Abatements Made:				
Property Taxes		719.00		
Yield Taxes	969.10			
PT Interest		100.29		
Uncollected Taxes – End of Year				
Property Taxes	146,732.50			
Yield Taxes	239.45			
TOTAL CREDITS	3,706,380.34	224,730.25		

Tax Collector's Report, continued

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2011	2010	Prior Levies 2009	Prior
Unredeemed Liens at Beg of Fiscal Year		12,801.68	6,931.61	236.77
Liens Executed During Year	59,839.34			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	593.34	1,453.16		
TOTAL DEBITS	60,432.68	14,254.84	6,931.61	236.77

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Redemptions:	9,936.08	7,101.81	2,308.00	
Interest and Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	593.34	1,453.16		
Abatements				
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	49,903.26	5,699.87	4,623.61	236.77
TOTAL CREDITS	60,432.68	14,254.84	6,931.61	236.77

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012**

<i>Motor Vehicle Registrations</i>	\$214,022.00
Less Uncollected Bounced Check	63.00
Less Overpayments reimbursed	188.00
State of New Hampshire Agent Fees	5,085.00
State of New Hampshire Agent Fees to TOWN	1,017.00
Title Application Fees	628.00
Dog Licenses	3,864.50
Vital Statistic Research/Requests	175.00
Marriage License	135.00
UCC and Other Filings	1338.00
Bank Return Fees	280.00
Transfer Station Sticker Sales	55.00
TOTAL COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK	\$226,348.50

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Highlights of 2012

- 10 new voting booths were purchased just in time for a busy year with four elections being held.
- Thanks to the work of the Emergency Management Committee, a grant was received and a generator was installed at the school. Work is continuing for our community to use the school as a shelter in emergency situations.
- With the work of many people, Westmoreland had a very successful Old Home Day celebration.
- Fairpoint brought high-speed internet service to the Route 12 corridor and nearby residences.
- The Emergency Operations Center has moved into the Fire Station.
- Joanne Smith did a remarkable job designing a logo for the town –
- The Town Hall received a fresh coat of paint.
- May flooding in East Westmoreland brought hardship to many of our neighbors and damage to many of our roads.
- The new bridge for Makinen Road will be installed as soon as possible in 2013. Storms at the bridge plant in Ohio had caused a setback in production time and the bridge arrived in town too late for 2012 installation.
- Thanks to the generosity of many contributors and volunteers, picturesque posts and chains were added to our common.
- The Town Hall Committee, under the direction of Dick Schmidt, continues to work at sprucing up our beautiful historical building.
- The job of updating several years of changes to the town Tax Maps was accomplished.



We would like to personally thank all of those who spend countless hours of their valuable time by serving as elected or appointed officials and on Boards and Committees. Your generosity makes Westmoreland the town it is and a wonderful place for all of us to live.

We are especially grateful to Jim Ranson for serving as our Perambulation Agent this past year. There is a law on the books that the 'lines between the towns in New Hampshire shall be perambulated (walked), and the marks and bounds renewed once in every seven years forever by the Selectmen or their agent'. Our abutting towns are Keene, Surry, Chesterfield and Walpole. Jim agreed to serve as agent and accomplished walking ALL of the Westmoreland borders. We appreciate also those who volunteered to accompany Jim on some of the hikes up and down the hills of Westmoreland.

Board of Selectmen

WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

- **Programs** The library hosted a total of 48 programs in 2012, including our monthly Book Club chaired by Pat Cooke and the Writers' Group chaired by Don Farquharson. This year was a particularly exciting one for the Writers' Group as two of their members, Beverly Schmidt and our own Sarah Dupeyron, each published their first book. New members are always welcome to join either of these groups. In July and in concert with the Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society, we sponsored a special program at the library entitled *A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes* by Adair Mulligan, Executive Director of the Hanover Conservancy. This was very well attended and sparked some local interest in learning more about the rich history that still exists in Westmoreland's own cellar holes. More to come about that. The Planetarium Program offered by Dave Lybarger and Graham Gitchell was the hit of the summer for our young families. Dave and Graham, both teachers at Keene High, brought an inflatable Star Lab planetarium which we filled with children and parents for a guided tour of the solar system and beyond. Late in the summer Ernie Hebert joined us for a public reading from his most recently published book, *Never Back Down*, and entertained us with stories from his early days in Keene. August brought Old Home Day activities. Just before school opened, School Principal Mark Hayward joined us again for a read-aloud to offer the children a chance to meet him and join with other children who would be entering school together for the first time. We saw many of the same children again masquerading among the 50-60 ghosts and goblins who stopped by on Halloween as we took part in the community trick-or-treat. Regular classroom visits from the school resumed in the fall and in what has become a bit of a tradition, we ended the year with a gingerbread house event. Very messy but very fun, it was a great way to end the year.
- **Patrons** There were 4,155 patron visits to the library this year, 221 more than last year. Included among those were visits from young families, school classes, writers, readers and art enthusiasts, 59 of whom were first-time visitors. In-library use: 257 patrons used our reading room, while 135 used our patron computer and 68 came to access our wireless service. Both total patron visits and in-library use of our services have shown growth each of the last three years.
- **Circulation** 4,841 books circulated from our permanent collection this year, 12.45% more than in the previous year. We borrowed 604 books from other libraries for our patrons—78 more than last year, and we loaned 222 books from our stacks to other libraries. In addition, our patrons accessed 159 downloadable books onto their portable readers via our membership in the statewide downloadable book consortium.
- **Gifts** We received many wonderful gifts this year, some large, some small but all remarkable in their own way. Gifts of time and talent were plentiful, the most visible and most talked about being the wonderful foyer displays created by Missy Kritzer. For the second year in a row we have received an anonymous gift of money from a local family in support of our ongoing efforts to automate our collection. This process, the cost of which has been offset by this generous donation, is well underway.

Though 2012 brought much to celebrate with our continued growth and support from our generous community, the Library lost a great friend this year with the passing of Betty Ann Sather. We are very grateful that Betty Ann's family has chosen to establish a trust in her memory to benefit the library.

In short, the library has experienced continual growth in patron base and usage for the third year in a row. We are thankful for the continued support of our community and the good work of our Board of Trustees chaired by Louise Slayton. As always, many thanks to all who have shared their talents, resources, time and love of books with us this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jayne Burnett

LIBRARY

Statement of Activities

Cash Inflows	Operations	Memorial & Special	Total
Town Appropriations	32,290.00		32,290.00
Memorial Gifts (restricted)		2,000.00	2,000.00
Memorial Gifts for Trust Fund		26,140.00	26,140.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	320.98		320.98
Jotham Lord Fund	31.32		31.32
Book Sales & Fundraising	787.77		787.77
Contributions	289.8		289.80
Interest	9.37		9.37
Other (copier, late fees)	52		52.00
Total Cash Inflows	33,781.24	28,140.00	61,921.24
Cash Outflows			
Payroll	24,219.35		24,219.35
Books/Periodicals	3,838.27		3,838.27
Program Expenses	344.29		344.29
Supplies	941.94		941.94
Utilities (gas, electric, phone)	3,754.76		3,754.76
Postage & Box Rental	136.7		136.70
Computer Expenses	283.13	1,564.00	1,847.13
Furnishings & Building Improv	593.95		593.95
Equipment & Repairs	25		25.00
Printing	45		45.00
Dues & Registration	60		60.00
Total Cash Outflows	34,242.39	1,564.00	35,806.39
Net Cash from Operations	-461.15	26,576.00	26,114.85
Balance 1/1/12	19,919.81	3,649.68	23,569.49
Net Cash from Operations	-461.15	26,576.00	26,114.85
Balance 12/31/12	19,458.66	30,225.68	49,684.34

Savings Bank of Walpole Checking Account Balance 12/31/12	34,023.04
AG Edwards Investment for Library Improvements Balance 12/31/12	15,661.30
	<u>49,684.34</u>

Planning Board

Westmoreland Planning Board members are appointed by the Selectmen. The board holds regular meetings at the Town Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. These meetings are open to the public. If anyone has business to bring before the board, they should contact the board's secretary, Alison Fissette, to be put on the agenda. Anything requiring a hearing must be officially noticed which means that the secretary must receive the information 21 days prior to the meeting.

The purpose of the planning board is to guide the development of the town. Decisions are made considering the landowner's rights and desires and balancing this with the intent of the town as shown in the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances through processes such as subdivision and site plan review. We would like to remind residents that the Zoning Ordinances and booklets listing the necessary steps and applicable ordinances for subdivision or site plan review as well as our board procedures are available in the Selectmen's office and on the town's website. If a resident is planning any changes or construction on any land in town, a call to the Zoning Administrator is the first place to start. This is the best way to find out if any necessary permits or processes are needed. If residents have suggestions for changes for the Zoning Ordinances we encourage you to submit them to the board for consideration.

In 2012 there were: three site plans and two subdivisions approved, and one voluntary merger. There were five informational meetings with people who wanted to know about processes for use of their land. There were five items that were referred to the Selectmen for review and addressing.

We submitted proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinances for accessory dwelling units that were approved by ballot vote at the annual town meeting. We have marked other ordinances that we will revisit and propose possible adjustments. We have organized a Master Plan committee that will be working on revision and updating of the plan last updated in 2003.

Lauren Bressett, Chair

BUILDING INSPECTOR

A total of 21 permits were issued in 2012

Single family dwelling	1	Addition	8
Commercial	1	Remodeling	5
Deck	2	Barn	2
Shed	1	Pool	1

Larry Muchmore
Building Inspector

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined and audited the accounts of the Town of Westmoreland: Financial Records, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Town Clerk and Library for the year 2011. I find them to be correct and properly vouched. Completed reports are on file with the Selectmen.

Nancy Zeller
Auditor

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Westmoreland Zoning Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month when requests for a Variance or Special Exception are submitted to the Board. Applications are due on the first business day of that month. If circumstances require a change of the date notices will be posted at the Town Hall and the Post Office.

The Board heard the following applications during 2012:

April 10: At a joint hearing with the Planning Board, a request by Route 12 Discount Groceries for Special Exceptions to allow a seasonal farm stand, a U-Haul Rental, a seasonal flea market, and a seasonal outdoor food tent to operate at various locations in the parking lot. The Board voted to grant Special Exceptions for the U-Haul operation and the seasonal farm stand, subject to conditions of the Planning Board and continued the hearing until May to consider the other uses.

Per request by James Larkin to continue with his plan to renovate, expand, and build new structures at his property at 852 Route 12, the Board voted to end the hearing as Mr. Larkin's site plan revealed that he would need to submit a new application for necessary Special Exceptions and Variances.

May 8: The Board voted to grant to Route 12 Discount Groceries the Special Exceptions for the seasonal flea market and seasonal food tent, subject to several conditions.

May 18: The Board voted to grant a request by Gary & Leslie Luebke for a Special Exception to board a small number of horses and give lessons at their property on Poocham Road.

May 18: A request by Ted Ferguson for a Special Exception for renting his property at 952 Route 12 for proposed businesses of vegetable sales and manufacturing solar panels. The Board voted to approve the special exception subject to several conditions.

June 28: A request for a Variance from the Wetlands setback requirements by James Larkin for his property at 852 Route 12 and a request for a Special Exception to the Zoning Ordinance Section 206.1 allowing expansion of an existing non-conforming structure by not more than 20 percent. The Board voted to grant these requests with certain conditions.

July 18: The Board voted to approve a request for a Variance by James Larkin to reduce the required number of parking spaces for his proposed business at 852 Route 12 subject to certain conditions.

August 15: The Board voted to approve a Special Exception for John Hillock to operate a truck and auto repair business at 923 Route 12, subject to certain conditions.

On November 28: The Board voted to grant the Special Exception to Jonathan Clark to operate the kilns at Treehugger Farms subject to approval by the Planning Board.

The hearings are open to the public and start at 7:30 pm at the Westmoreland Town Hall.

Files containing the minutes of each meeting may be viewed at the Town Hall or at the town's website.

Applications for a Variance or a Special Exception may be obtained at the Town Hall.

Peter Remy, Chairman

WESTMORELAND PARK HILL MEETING HOUSE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The organization has seen some personnel changes, projects completed, and many interesting programs this past year.

Terms were over for Stuart Sadick, Jan Youga, Dawn Lincoln and Bill Campbell and we are sorry to see them move on. We thank them all for their efforts while in office during the period of our merge.

Walter Carroll deserves a hearty thank you from us all for his untiring efforts to fulfill the requirements of the LCHIP grant toward major repairs to the Meeting House. The old stove has been cleaned and painted and the brick enclosure rebuilt as well as the floor of the utility room. The ceiling in the downstairs assembly room has finally been painted. A problem with the septic system was resolved and plans are being made to improve the supply of well water.

The corner school received some more structural repair this year and plans are being made to finish the outside painting next spring with volunteer help. A thorough housecleaning and some yard work were done in preparation for the Old Home Day Historic Tour with much appreciated help from Bert Edmonds and June Hammond.

That Historic bus tour was a big success. There were two busses needed for the nearly seventy people and the narrators, Jim Ranson and Dave Leinster, did a great job. Of course we couldn't have done it without the generous help from Dick Delano and his other driver, David Bressett.

Our programs included the subjects of building the railroad through town, local wildlife during the last 350 years, one-room rural schoolhouses and the settlement years between 1750-1800. Additionally we cooperated with the library in bringing Adair Mulligan to town to speak about the "Secrets of Cellar Holes".

At present the latest addition to the books relating to the history of Westmoreland – the "Life & Times of a Citizen-Soldier in Revolutionary Westmoreland, New Hampshire" about our own Major Isaac Butterfield is receiving the final proofing and is expected to be published very soon. This is a cooperative project with the County Historical Society and the author, Charles Butterfield.

Some information on water-powered mills in town was contributed to HSCC's current exhibit and a publication was put together by the Historical Society of Cheshire County and currently available for \$10.00. Bill Fletcher was generous enough to provide items for their exhibit on Taverns this past summer.

www.Westmorelandhistoricalsociety.org

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Severe weather events such as Hurricane Sandy, which battered parts of New Jersey and New York this past October, and Hurricane Irene, which devastated parts of Vermont in August of 2011 bring the reality of the possibility of a high level emergency close to home. Emergency management is designed to augment our regular emergency first responders, fire fighters and public works, in the event that the town sustains an overwhelming event. Emergency management helps to coordinate activities if responders are deployed to multiple sites. It also connects the responders with help from the outside, be it regional, state, or federal.

With the help of a grant from the NH Department of Safety's division of Homeland Security and FEMA, a generator was installed at the Westmoreland School this past year. In addition to making it possible to continue school activities during power outages, the generator in the school makes it possible to use the school as a shelter for the community for families who have lost the use of their homes during a disaster. The generator is tested on a weekly basis but it received a real live test during a loss of power this last fall, providing electricity for the whole building while the utility company replaced a blown transformer.

The responses to the survey of last year have been tabulated. As a result we have a database of individuals and resources within our own community that could be called upon in case of an emergency. In addition, a significant number of households have indicated a desire to be checked on in the event of a disaster.

At the suggestion of the selectboard, an emergency advisory group has been formed to advise emergency management. Meetings of the advisory group will occur several times a year. The meetings will be noticed and the public is welcome to attend.

The emergency management unit is now located in the fire station. It was previously located in the town hall. The emergency unit was opened as drill during Hurricane Sandy. As a result of the drill, we were able to successfully test out the emergency radio and the ability to connect with the NH state Emergency Operations Center through a computer website.

Bill Chase
Emergency Management Director

Beth Franzen
Deputy EMD

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The committee received a letter from the Selectmen in August asking us to look at the condition of the ball field in East Westmoreland. Committee members surveyed the property and deemed it suitable-- just the edges need to be cleaned up. We were then asked to report on the condition of the basketball court, also on the East Westmoreland property. We found it in poor condition and submitted a proposal to repair cracks, resurface, fix the poles, add new nets and backboards and reline the court. We had Arlington Paving/BDM Sweeper Service provide an estimate for these repairs. The estimate totaled \$4,600. This company had done an excellent job repairing the school outdoor basketball court at a reasonable cost.

An open meeting was held at the Westmoreland Town Hall on Tuesday, November 27th to discuss the above repairs. We agreed that repairs were needed, but that the backboards did not necessarily have to be replaced for a savings of \$400. The agreed upon final amount needed to repair the court was \$4,200 and this proposal was submitted to the Selectmen.

Susie Harris, Chairman

TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

As most of you know, funds were approved at the Town Meeting last year to paint the exterior of the Town Hall. This work has been finished and the building looks great again. The cost was well within the approved warrant article.

Westmoreland was not approved for the "Moose" Grant application written by the Historical Society and therefore we did not get the dining room ceiling repainted but hope it can be done soon.

The committee keeps a list of improvements, showing 35 tasks complete. A major completed task is the modification of the heating system from one zone to four zones with programmable thermostats. In the kitchen, Jan Carpenter worked to get a needed additional stove and sort the dishes (chipped and broken ones thrown out). Mark Hayward plans to reglaze, restore and paint the second floor windows in 2013. We appreciate Cary Smith's removal of much moss from the foundation and ServPro's cleaning of heating ducts. There are 54 tasks on our list that are not done.

Requests for more volunteers to help with some of the smaller jobs on our list were not very successful even though flyers were sent out and a table was manned for that purpose on Old Home Day.

We are still seeking workers to clean the woodwork, paint walls and do light carpentry and handyperson tasks. Please contact Dick Schmidt, Chairman (399-4353 or sunrise84@myfairpoint.net) if you wish to help bring our historic Town Hall towards first-rate condition.

TOWN COMMON COMMITTEE

Due to the generosity of many people, the Town Common Committee has achieved its goal of aesthetically protecting the borders of the Westmoreland Town Common!!! This project was accomplished with hundreds of volunteer hours and thousands of donated dollars. A plaque proudly hangs in the Town Hall commemorating families and individuals who graciously gave to make this dream a reality. Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who unselfishly gave of their time and money.



FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Harry Nelson, Chief

Edwin Johnson, Deputy Chief

The Department responded to a total of 138 Fire and Rescue calls in 2012.

These calls consumed over 398 person hours. The Department has a total of 20 members. We had two of our members take State-funded classes which will benefit our department. We are also doing monthly training with the Spofford/Chesterfield Departments.

The Department held its annual Chicken Barbecue. It was a big success for us as we sold out of chicken and were able to listen to some great music from the Westmoreland Town Band.

We are asking all Westmoreland residents to put your house numbers visible from the roadway. This will assist us in getting to your emergency in a reasonable amount of time. If you put them on your mailbox, make sure to put them on both sides.

Visitors are always welcome to stop by the Fire Station for a tour and view the apparatus. Any Westmoreland resident interested in becoming a member of the department may join us the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00pm at the Fire Station.

The members of the Westmoreland Fire/Rescue Dept. would like to thank the citizens for their outstanding support again this past year. Our goal is to keep the citizens of Westmoreland safe from harm with professional service. If you have any questions feel free to contact us at 399-9993 or wvfd1@verizon.net

Respectfully Submitted,
Harry E Nelson
Fire Chief

Month	# Calls	Total # Of Calls
Jan-12	8	8
Feb-12	14	22
Mar-12	7	29
Apr-12	5	34
May-12	12	46
Jun-12	13	59
Jul-12	15	74
Aug-12	16	90
Sep-12	11	101
Oct-12	14	115
Nov-12	12	127
Dec-12	11	138

Type	#of Calls	Total Personnel Hours
AFA County Jail	0	0:00
AFA Maplewood Nursing Home	3	5:56
AFA Private Residence	6	9:15
AFA Water Treatment Plant	0	0:00
AFA School	0	0:00
Brush Fire	1	1:12
Car Fire	0	0:00
Chimney Fire	1	12:45
CO Detector	3	6:41
Downed Wires / Transformer	9	17:32
Dumpster Fire	0	0:00
Gas / Oil Leak	0	0:00
Good Intent / Smoke	2	1:50
Hazmat	0	0:00
ME County Jail	0	0:00
ME Maplewood Nursing Home	11	12:25
ME Other	46	72:15
Motor Vehicle Accident	25	181:56
Mutual Aid	12	33:38
Public Assist	7	4:05
Structure Fires	1	1:00
Other	11	38:07
Total	138	398:37

FOREST FIRE WARDEN & STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Due to a record warm winter and little snow, our first fire occurred on February 4th with several more early fires to follow. Normally a large percentage of the warm windy days with low humidity occur when the ground is saturated from a long snow covered winter. By the time the surface fuels and ground dry out enough to burn, we only have a few weeks until "green up". This year however we had an extended period of these favorable spring fire conditions. Our largest fire in the state was 86 acres. The average size fire was .6 acres. Extensive summer rains kept total acreage burned to near normal levels

As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Several of the fires during the 2012 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2012 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of October 2012)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	3.6	7
Carroll	5.5	25
Cheshire	8.3	43
Coos	11.8	35
Grafton	96.5	59
Hillsborough	34.2	64
Merrimack	20.8	31
Rockingham	6.4	21
Strafford	12.9	19
Sullivan	6	14

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

	Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	14	2012	318
Debris	105	2011	125
Campfire	14	2010	360
Children	15	2009	334
Smoking	17	2008	455
Railroad	0		
Equipment	6		
Lightning	7		
Misc.*	140		

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES

OLD HOME DAY

The Old Home Day Association is proud to inform you that the organizations in town that participated in the weekend festivities did well and are very pleased with the outcome. "Westmoreland's Got Talent", yes we do! What a fantastic way to begin the Old Home Day weekend. The floats and other parade groups were wonderful. The kids enjoyed the Fun Run followed by the games Principal Hayward set up, the weather was perfect, and the crowd was happy! Everyone found something to do. Some enjoyed horse & wagon rides with Reggie or playing tennis. The Westmoreland Market Place went well and there was a nice variety of local vendors at lunchtime. After the Tug-o-War who would have guessed that the single men would win the ballgame over the married men? Many people, who no longer live in Westmoreland, attended the Great Reunion and enjoyed seeing others and reminiscing. Those who attended the delicious church ham and bean supper had the opportunity to hear the talented Westmoreland Town Band perform. On Sunday, the Sno-Belters Pancake Breakfast was delicious. During the church service, Don Hall was totally surprised when he received a wonderful plaque thanking him for the 50 + years he has been singing in the choir. Congratulations, Don! A big hit after the pot luck salad luncheon was the Historic Bus Tour of town. A special thank you to Dick Delano and David Bressett who donated their time as the drivers, to David Leinster and Jim Ranson for being such talented tour guides and to Pete Longsjø for opening his smithy. Everyone came away with so much more knowledge about Westmoreland than they had to begin with. What a superb way to bring closure to such a memorable weekend! Sally Albrecht, Nancy Sandahl, and Elaine Moore would like to thank **EVERYONE** who helped in any way to make Old Home Day 2012 a huge success! Yes. "Westmoreland **IS** a town of friends and neighbors!" After much discussion however, the Old Home Day Association has decided to wait until 2014 to have another celebration. Stay tuned for more info at a later date.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NH RSA 36-A provides a Conservation Commission with the basic purpose of identifying, protecting and conserving the land and water resources of the community. Under NH RSA 482-A and 483-B, the Commission reviews wetland dredge and fill applications and, in conjunction with the NH Wetlands Bureau, is involved in the NH Shoreland Protection Act. In addition, the Commission has a responsibility in the review process of sand and gravel permitting under RSA 155-E. Information and applications for all these activities are available at the town office, on the town website (www.westmorelandnh.com) or the NH Dept. of Environmental Services website (www.des.nh.gov).

In addition to responding to wetlands issues and reviewing formal applications where input was requested, the Conservation Commission completed revision work on a Conservation Plan that will provide guidance in the upcoming rewrite of the Town Plan and form the basis for community education/outreach efforts.

Members of the Commission participated in Old Home Day with an information table at the school and we helped sponsor the April roadside clean-up organized by the Westmoreland Lions Club. The Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Town Hall and continues its responsibilities under NH law. In addition for 2013 we are planning a CT River kayak/canoe adventure and some educational outreach programs on natural resource issues affecting all residents.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

There were six cemetery lots sold in 2012.

Work continued this year on repairing stones in the cemeteries. This involves fixing broken stones (when possible), straightening stones and in some cases installing new concrete bases to set the stones in. The North Cemetery was the focus of Wink Savard's work in 2012 by completing repairs on 128 stones. With the three major cemeteries completed, we began work on the smaller cemeteries beginning with 24 repairs in Canoe Meadow. With some detective work, we were able to find locations of several stones that had fallen and had been moved. If you come across a fallen stone in a cemetery, please leave it where it is and notify a Trustee.

Lots are available for sale in the East and South Village Cemeteries and the North Cemetery has a limited number of lots left. The Cemetery Trustees must be notified of all burials, including cremations, in a town cemetery. This is important so that the burial is done according to regulations and becomes a permanent record of the town. For the mutual protection, respect and benefit of all lot owners, there are restrictions on decorations, enclosures, plants and shrubbery. By-Laws are available from the Cemetery Trustees.

TRANSFER STATION

The following information reflects the amount of material taken out of the Transfer Station and income & expenses for recycling:

Waste Disposal	Comingled Recycling	Compactor	Demo	Bulky Items & Mattress Items	TV/ Computers Items
	Tons	Tons	Tons		
2011	58.31	383.72	46.90	44	6
2012	74.21	376.92	48.05	11	0

Recycling	Cans Pounds	Cardboard Pounds	Paper Pounds	Light Iron Pounds
2011	3,535	36,220	84,040	22,334
2012	3,526	24,500	81,460	25,040

Income	Recyclables	Demo
2011	\$4,009	\$2,840
2012	\$4,593	\$4,165

Expense	Trucking
2011	\$1,867
2012	\$1,525



BRIGGS FUND

No activity in 2012

HEALTH OFFICER

This has been a fairly quiet year. There have been questions concerning mold infections following some local flooding. We have several properties that are badly managed.

Lloyd F. Draper, Health Officer

WELFARE OFFICER

We have had several requests for assistance. These have been for such items as electricity, heating fuel and rent. Fortunately food needs have been met by food stamps and the Community Kitchen.

Lloyd F. Draper, Welfare Officer

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The trustees met four times during 2012 to administer affairs of the trusts. Town common trust funds were invested in common stocks held in an Edward Jones account. The yield on common trust fund assets was 1.4% in 2011 compared to 1.6% in 2012. Capital reserve funds were invested in CDs issued by local banks. The yield was 0.21% in 2012, compared to 0.07% in 2011.

The trustees' investment strategy for common trust funds is to purchase large capitalization conservative common stocks with a proven track record. Our total return goal is 8% annually, including at least 3% income yield. The investment guidance for the trustees is the "Prudent Man Rule," RSA 31:25b. Federal Reserve policy is to hold interest rates at a level which results in the evaporation of fixed asset values due to inflation. Would a prudent man invest knowingly in CDs where he knows he will lose money? The trustees will examine the desirability of investing capital reserve funds in common stocks in 2013 to preserve asset values.

Patrick N. Baker
Gary W. Gray
Melissa Hoffman

COMMON TRUST FUNDS

2012
MS 10

MS 10		Share		Total share	PRINCIPAL		INCOME		GRAND TOTAL	
Name of Fund	Purpose	#			12/31/11 Balance	New funds Withdrawn Balance	12/31/12 Balance	12/31/11 Income	12/31/12 Expended	12/31/12 Balance
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS										
Canoes Meadow Cemetery	Cemetery		0.3%	0.2%	350.00		350.00	9.62	8.46	12.63
Chaffee Cemetery	Cemetery		0.1%	0.0%	100.00		100.00	211.34	2.42	112.20
E Cemetery Perpet. Care.	Cemetery	3	6.6%	3.9%	8,482.24	200.00	8,682.24	335.39	205.09	1,039.87
Grove Cemetery	Cemetery		4.0%	2.3%	5,082.00		5,082.00	2,322.67	122.87	2,366.36
North Cemetery, Gen. Upkeep	Cemetery	12	10.0%	5.9%	12,872.80		12,872.80	348.16	311.24	1,480.39
North Cemetery, Perpetual Care	Cemetery	6	12.4%	7.4%	16,157.56	200.00	16,157.56	611.32	385.63	764.09
Outlying Cemeteries, (Cole)	Cemetery		0.4%	0.2%	500.00		500.00	562.88	12.09	567.18
Prairie Cemetery	Cemetery		0.2%	0.1%	300.00		300.00	8.84	7.25	11.42
S. Village Cemetery, M. & I.	Cemetery		8.9%	5.2%	11,356.72		11,356.72	316.58	274.59	116.22
S. Village Cemetery, Perpet. Care	Cemetery	9	16.3%	9.6%	23,483.51	600.00	24,083.51	684.45	504.30	1,873.11
D. Blood "1997 ETI"	Cemetery		28.1%	15.5%	33,483.73		33,483.73	12,835.24	809.58	13,644.82
Cemetery Maintenance fund	Cemetery	10	14.0%	8.3%	17,898.39	1,264.28	19,162.67	267.97	432.75	432.75
Burial Support fund	Cemetery		0.8%	0.5%	1,000.00		1,000.00	85.97	24.18	110.15
Edson Perpetual Care	Cemetery		0.0%	0.0%	50.00		50.00	0.78	1.21	1.21
Total Cemetery			100.0%	59.3%	128,290.75	2,264.28	130,555.03	18,503.21	3,101.64	(1,422.67)
										20,182.38
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS										
Bennett, E. G.	Library		20.8%	2.2%	4,752.16		4,752.16	87.38	114.90	135.64
Briggs, O.L.	Library	1918	8.8%	0.8%	2,013.21		2,013.21	37.01	46.68	57.45
Burt, M.W.	Library	1903	2.2%	0.2%	503.16		503.16	9.25	12.17	14.36
Capron, H.F.	Library	1967	4.4%	0.5%	1,006.60		1,006.60	18.51	24.34	28.73
Cousins H.G.	Library	1978	7.2%	0.8%	1,645.79		1,645.79	30.26	39.79	46.97
Goodrum, A.M.	Library	1968	0.9%	0.1%	201.31		201.31	3.71	4.87	5.75
Greene, Dorothy P.	Library	2000	21.8%	2.3%	5,008.75		5,008.75	92.01	121.10	142.87
Nerf, Emory	Library	1983	4.4%	0.5%	1,006.57		1,006.57	18.51	24.34	28.73
Remembrance Betty Ann	Library	2012			0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nerf, Frances	Library	1988	4.5%	0.5%	1,018.85		1,018.85	18.76	24.63	29.11
Starkey, M.	Library	1998	4.4%	0.5%	1,001.75		1,001.75	18.41	24.22	28.58
Thompson & Overman	Library	1978	11.9%	1.3%	2,717.81		2,717.81	49.97	65.71	77.57
Warner, K.T.	Library	1978	8.8%	0.9%	2,013.23		2,013.23	37.01	46.68	57.45
			100.0%	10.6%	22,889.19	25,000.00	47,889.19	420.79	553.42	0
										653.23
UNION MEETING HOUSE										
Hall, Sarah, M.K.	U.M.H.	1947	3.4%	0.0%	100.31		100.31	3.75	2.43	6.18
Hall, Victor	U.M.H.	1948	17.1%	0.2%	502.60		502.60	16.82	12.15	30.97
Johnson, Lewis P.	U.M.H.	1985	34.2%	0.5%	1,004.84		1,004.84	37.57	24.30	61.87
Woodward Memorial	U.M.H.	1988	45.2%	0.6%	1,326.71		1,326.71	49.61	32.08	81.69
			100.0%	1.4%	2,934.46	0.00	2,934.46	109.75	70.95	180.70
										0.00
OTHER TRUST FUNDS										
Acemo Scholarship Fund**	School	1964	9.7%	2.8%	6,020.38	14.56	6,034.94	104.64	145.56	341.56
Bleeker	School	1985	0.8%	0.2%	502.49		502.49	139.85	12.15	152.00
Pearl Bragg	School	1997	14.8%	4.2%	9,104.19		9,104.19	1,806.98	220.12	1,527.10
Briggs Christmas	School	1918	1.6%	0.5%	1,004.52		1,004.52	223.55	24.29	247.84
Cutler Grammar	School	1980	0.8%	0.2%	508.47		508.47	315.87	12.29	303.16
Esty	School	1888	1.5%	0.4%	905.33		905.33	370.02	21.88	41.91
Fox	School	1817	1.6%	0.5%	1,004.84		1,004.84	411.40	24.30	435.70
Lois Leach	School	1978	4.1%	1.2%	2,533.12		2,533.12	39.47	61.25	61.25
Jeff Starkey	School	2005	7.2%	2.1%	4,470.63	170.00	4,640.63	648.89	108.09	757.98
Jotham Lord	Town	1816	3.2%	0.9%	2,010.09		2,010.09	31.32	48.60	48.60
Men's Club**	Men	1982	6.1%	1.7%	3,772.32	9.12	3,781.44	2,249.50	91.21	2,331.59
Starkey Cobb	School	1935	36.3%	10.5%	22,647.87		22,647.87	119.16	547.59	547.59
Town Library	School	1829	2.9%	0.8%	1,781.58		1,781.58	734.25	43.08	77.33
Ruth White - Christmas	School	1991	4.9%	1.4%	3,050.84		3,050.84	849.07	73.76	922.83
Thomas White - Soccer	School	1995	4.6%	1.4%	2,969.63		2,969.63	324.96	72.28	397.24
Total Other Trust Funds			100.0%	28.8%	62,306.30	193.68	62,500.00	8,370.13	1,506.46	7,844.06
										1,506.46
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS										
			100.0%		216,420.70	27,457.96	243,878.66	27,403.88	5,232.67	332.44
										(4,108.60)
* Expendable trust										
**Transfer 10% income to principal:										
12/31/2012										
Acemo	Men's				14.56		5,245.65	Common Stock Cost		
							7.18	RBA Library check		
							0	EJ MM Account		
							-20.67	Outstanding check		
							5,232.67	CRB AIN 7049137		
								MS 9 Total		
								Common Stock Market Value		

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND – TRUST FUNDS & CAPITAL RESERVES

2012		PRINCIPAL				INCOME				GRAND TOTAL	
MS 9	Date	Share	12/31/2011 Balance	Deposits	Transfer	Withdrawn	12/31/2012 Balance	Income	Transfer	Expended	12/31/12 Balance
COMMON TRUST FUNDS											
Cemetery		59.3%	128,290.75	2,264.28		0.00	130,555.03	3,101.84		(1,422.67)	20,182.38
Library		10.6%	22,889.19	25,000.00		0.00	47,889.19	553.42		(320.98)	653.23
Union Meeting House		1.4%	2,934.46	0.00		0.00	2,934.46	70.95			180.70
Other		28.8%	62,306.30	193.68		(356.12)	62,143.86	1,506.46	332.44	(2,364.95)	7,844.08
Total Common Trust Funds		100.0%	216,420.70	27,457.96	0.00	(356.12)	243,522.54	5,232.67	332.44	4,108.60	28,860.39
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS											
Fire Truck	1968	0.0%	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00			906.81
Town Revaluation	1993	0.0%	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00			11.74
Highway Truck	1968	2.2%	6,500.00	30,000.00		0.00	36,500.00	24.48			7,063.31
SPEEDHS Tuition	1996	41.8%	123,019.00	0.00		0.00	123,019.00	463.28			13,845.76
Recreation Fund	2001	0.6%	1,723.81	0.00		0.00	1,723.81	433.26			439.75
School Renovation	2002	9.4%	27,791.00	4,044.60		(16,000.00)	15,835.60	104.66			4,369.69
Bridge Rebuilding	2002	22.2%	65,155.20	0.00		0.00	65,155.20	245.37			4,365.94
Land Purchase	2006	22.8%	66,945.23	0.00		0.00	66,945.23	252.11			6,535.76
Town Clock	2009	1.0%	3,000.00	0.00		0.00	3,000.00	11.30			15.88
Financial Audit	2013	0.0%	0.00	3,000.00		0.00	3,000.00	0.00			0.00
Total Capital Reserve Funds		100.0%	294,134.24	37,044.60	0.00	(16,000.00)	315,178.84	1,107.69	0.00	0.00	37,554.64
TOTAL ALL FUNDS			510,554.94	64,502.56	0.00	(16,356.12)	558,701.38	6,340.36	332.44	4,108.60	66,415.03
2012 Income											
Funds held at:											
Common trust funds											
CD Hampshire First Bank								#6461322816			60,331.04
CD Hampshire First Bank								#6843071092			58,285.92
CD Hampshire First Bank								#6526034390			88,000.00
Westmoreland Library								check			25,000.00
Edward Jones money market								#254-08778-1-4			19,714.65
Conn. River Bank MM Account								#7049137			47,269.63
Outstanding check											1,064.28
Common shares at cost											(320.98)
Total common trust funds											17,492.95
Common shares market value											195,370.00
Capital Reserves											243,824.56
Capital Reserve Interest Payments											18,516.00
Hampshire First #6461322816											209,410.75
Hampshire First #6461322816											97,000.00
Hampshire First #6461322816											58,285.92
Hampshire First #6461322816											88,000.00
Hampshire First #6461322816											60,725.56
Hampshire First #6461322816											11,677.27
Hampshire First #6461322816											33,000.13
Hampshire First #6461322816											4,044.60
Hampshire First #6461322816											0.00
Hampshire First #6461322816											352,733.48
Hampshire First #6461322816											625,116.41
Hampshire First #6461322816											0.00
Hampshire First #6461322816											(0.00)

DEATHS IN WESTMORELAND IN 2012
(Not Maplewood)

Date of Death	Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Name
1/28/2012	William Henry, Jr.	462 Spofford Road	William Henry	Susan Cook
2/15/2012	Catherine E. Northrup	201 River Road	Karl Mink	Louisa Haardt
3/31/2012	Stefania Chorostynski	79 Reynolds Road	Unknown	Unknown
7/15/2012	June Schreier	916 River Road	Unknown	Unknown
8/12/2012	Elizabeth Ann Sather	133 Great Meadow Ferry Road	George McGinn	Sophie Kucheran
8/30/2012	George E. Putnam	39 Nims Road	Elmer Putnam	Helen Pierce
11/11/2012	Kristopher B. Couture	300 River Road	Bertrand Couture	Frances Blanchette
12/11/2012	Thomas McQuillin, Jr.	183 Paine Road	Thomas McQuillin, Sr.	Dorothy Miller

2012 WESTMORELAND DEATHS OUT OF TOWN

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
2/8/2012	Keene, NH	Wayne Guyette	Leo Guyette	Minerva Turrill
3/19/2012	Keene, NH	Sally A. Minard	Robert S. Pierce	Marion E. Wood
5/25/2012	Keene, NH	Floyd M. Remick, Sr.	Herbert Remick	Dorothy Hill
6/12/2012	Lebanon, NH	George Malloy	Donald Malloy	Gloria Lopilato
7/6/2012	Walpole, NH	Laura Bailey	Adam Clark Goodrum	Alice Mattie Sullivan
8/26/2012	Keene, NH	Janet L. Comerford Kenney	Edward V. Comerford	Grace E. Farley
8/30/2012	Springfield, MA	Robert J. Brown	George Brown	Helena Frenette
10/22/2012	Keene, NH	Frances Taylor Clapp	Harold Taylor	Florence Taylor
11/30/2012	Keene, NH	Raymond Mailhot	Leo Mailhot	Jeannette Jutras Libby

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND BIRTHS IN 2012

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Baby's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name / Father's Name</i>
02/14/12	Keene, NH	Linnea Marie Bright-Morgan	Deborah Bright / Kenneth Morgan
02/19/12	Keene, NH	Brecken David Putzel	Jennifer Merritt / Justin Putzel
04/20/12	Keene, NH	Emma Elizabeth Vance	Jessica Cormier / Marc Vance
05/24/12	Keene, NH	Piper Harlow Norkun	Sarah Plotczyk / Michael Norkun
07/30/12	Keene, NH	Anna-Isabella Leora Ellison	Jennifer Royea / Morgan Ellison
08/14/12	Keene, NH	Heidi Lyric Ebbighausen	Michelle Sault / Tyler Ebbighausen
08/17/12	Keene, NH	Mihir Dhawal Soni	Sonal Soni / Dhawal Soni
09/24/12	Keene, NH	Ava Lynn Johnson	Kristie Johnson / Michael Johnson
10/03/12	Westmoreland, NH	Nathan Thomas Yelle	Crystal Powers / Benjamin Yelle
11-24-12	Keene, NH	Gemma Sawyer Morgan	Lora Whitcomb / Joseph Morgan

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND MARRIAGES IN 2012

<i>Names of Groom and Bride</i>	<i>Residences</i>	<i>Date of Marriage</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>
William G. Staats III Deborah Schofield	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	05/12/12	Westmoreland, NH
Edwin R. Johnson Ellen M. Walker	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	05/19/12	Westmoreland, NH
Heath A Carpentino Shannon V. Cook	Westmoreland, NH Keene, NH	06/23/12	Swanzey, NH
Ryan Isac Hull Gina Elizabeth Alberici	Westmoreland, NH Columbus, GA	06/23/12	Holly Hill, FL
Donald A. Thompson Cheryl A. Erno	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	06/23/12	Westmoreland, NH
Benjamin F. Yelle Crystal G. Powers	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	07/07/12	Alstead, NH
Patrick Greenwood Patricia Atwood	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	08/11/12	Westmoreland, NH

2012 WESTMORELAND BURIALS

Name	Date of Death	Burial Date	Place of Death	Place of Burial
Margaret R. Kingsbury	08-24-11	04-25-12		North Cemetery
Richard D. Rhodes, Jr.	02-05-12	04-27-12	Somersworth, NH	So. Village Cemetery
Thatcher Pospiech	11-22-11	05-12-12		North Cemetery
Robert B. Hawes, Jr.	05-15-12	06-23-12	Lebanon, NH	North Cemetery
Laura Bailey	07-06-12	07-17-12	Walpole, NH	North Cemetery
Linda J. Fletcher	06-10-12	08-04-12		So. Village Cemetery
Robert J. Brown	08-30-12	09-05-12	Springfield, MA	So. Village Cemetery
Marcia Starkey Shelley	12-08-11	09-08-12	Keene, NH	So. Village Cemetery
Walter Zinn, Jr.	12-24-11	09-14-12	Orlando, FL	East Cemetery
Robert D. Sanborn	08-04-12	09-21-12		So. Village Cemetery
Stefania Chorostynski	03-31-12	09-22-12	Westmoreland, NH	So. Village Cemetery
George Putnam	08-30-12	09-29-12	Westmoreland, NH	North Cemetery
Thomas McQuillin	12-11-12	12-14-12	Westmoreland, NH	Gline Cemetery

2012 MAPLEWOOD RESIDENT DEATHS OUT OF TOWN

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name	Father's Name/Mother's Name
01-01-12	Keene, NH	Gary Spicher	Rudolph Spicher Elizabeth Martin
06-12-12	Keene, NH	Howard P. Ryder	Percy Ryder Edith Johnson
08-20-12	Keene, NH	Donald S. Green	Harry Green Mildred Barrow

2012 WESTMORELAND RESIDENT DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>
01/12/12	Joseph J. Ciccalone	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
01/14/12	Margaret McColleston	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
02/17/12	Ruth Greer	Ralph Spofford	Miriam Dade
02/22/12	Patricia Ann Donegan	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
03/04/12	Marcia Bell Swift	George Howard	Mabel Constine
03/12/12	Wilfred LaPoint	Wilfred LaPoint	Ince (Unknown)
03/13/12	David E. Rhodes	E Everett Rhodes, Jr.	Barbara Henry
03/22/12	Shirley F. Bechard	Felix Bovin	Obeline Lavigne
03/22/12	Ann S. Donegan	John Sargood	Anne Kannepeska
03/31/12	Bentley H. Key	Reginald H. Key	Marguerite Sherlock
04/05/12	Anne S. Morgan	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
04/15/12	Eleanor F. Gregory	William C. Meyer	Anna Paramenter
04/30/12	Marion W. Andros	Wallace Wagner	Lucy Berry
05/03/12	Enice Wilder	Austin Kerr	Esther (Unknown)
05/10/12	Weston Elliot, Sr.	Isiac Elliot	Maude Case
05/23/12	Regina A. Blais	Almon Welch	Myra Kemp
05/27/12	David A. Manley	Robert A. Manley	Florence G. Adams
05/30/12	Carl A. Johnson	Carl Johnson	Alice Fales
06/05/12	Beatrice Tuttle	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
06/11/12	Roy Fletcher	(Unknown)	Esther Morrison
06/24/12	Eleanor McCreary	Elliot Cummings	Clorice Dow
06/27/12	Louis A. Bergeron	Charles Bergeron	Lillian Pluff
06/30/12	Patricia A. Hayward	Lawrence (Unknown)	Hazel Fellows
07/03/12	William C. Lary, Jr.	William C. Lary	Mary E. Caney
07/17/12	Judith A. Fish	Harold Taft	Beatrice Dunton
07/26/12	Dorothy Parenchuck	Everett Field	Eveline Stewart
07/29/12	Helvi L. Annala	Henry J Lappala	Lydia Palomaki
08/22/12	Barbara M. Greenwood	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
08/25/12	Aaron Kelly Robar	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
10/14/12	Alice B. Rose	Andrew F. Hines, Sr.	Alice E. Sloley
10/16/12	Myra E. Gaillardetz	Edgar A. Wells	Maud F. Green
10/18/12	Robert F. DiMauro	Sebastian DiMauro	Sarah Orrock
10/19/12	Eleanor Conant	Ralph Conant	Johanna Livingston
10/22/12	Ernest Moran	Thomas Moran	Rosanna Aube
10/23/12	Norma Parris	Edward Parker	Una Johnson
10/25/12	Edwin Haskell, Jr.	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
10/28/12	Arthur Cody	Michael Cody	Eva Lounder
10/31/12	Constance F. Covey	Ross Finnell	Evelyn Jarvis
11/01/12	Arthur T. Connor	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
11/02/12	Ronald E. Smith	Benjamin F. Smith	Bertha Murray
11/14/12	Anna Kennedy	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
12/01/12	Fred Annala	John F. Annala	Ida Salminen
12/01/12	Merylin G. Kubicki	Harold Lewis	Isabel Clark
12/07/12	Stella A. Fowler	Anthony Baronoski	Marie Baronoski
12/29/12	Daniel B. Fielders	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS
WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SCHOOL BOARD

<i>Debra M. Hunter Stuart R. Adams Michael J. Acemo, Jr. Tina Fletcher Kurt R. Martin</i>

MODERATOR

Bruce Smith

CLERK

Deb Nelson

TREASURER

Melissa Lemnah

AUDITOR

Plodzik & Sanderson

N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

Wayne Woolridge, Superintendent of Schools

William B. Gurney, Associate Superintendent of Schools

Rueben Duncan, Assistant Superintendent Towns/Curriculum

John R. Harper, Business Administrator

Timothy L. Ruehr, Town Business Administrator/Interim Director of Human Resources

Catherine Woods, Director of Special Education

Mustafa Zwebti, Director of Technology

Cathy Gray, Senior Accountant/Interim Business Manager (Marlow/Nelson)

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

This school district receives federal financial assistance. In order to continue receiving such federal financial assistance, this school district will not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age, or handicapping condition, under the provisions of Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Complaints regarding compliance with Title IX regulations should be submitted in writing to the Title IX liaison for School Administrative Unit 29, the Director of Human Resources, 193 Maple Avenue, Keene, New Hampshire.

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to the Director of Special Education, 193 Maple Avenue, Keene, New Hampshire.

Wayne Woolridge
Superintendent of Schools

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland Town Hall in said District on the 12th day of March, 2013, at 11:00 in the forenoon to act upon the following article. Polls will open at 11:00 a.m., and will close no later than the time of closing the polls for the election of town officials.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary school district officers:

One School Board Member for three-year term

A Moderator for one-term term

A Clerk for one-year-term

A Treasurer for the ensuing year beginning July 1, 2013

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 14th day of February, 2013.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

Debra M. Hunter, Chair

Stuart R. Adams

Michael J. Acerno, Jr.

Kurt R. Martin Justine Fletcher

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland School Gymnasium in said district on the 15th day of March, 2013, at 7:00 O'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of \$3,486,866 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. The school board also recommends \$3,489,866.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

YEAR	Estimated Increase
2013-14	\$ 24,264
2014-15	\$ 28,503
2015-16	\$ 20,420
2016-17	\$16,361

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,264 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid the prior fiscal year. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the School Board to transfer up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) of its unreserved fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2013 to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 5: To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to Twenty-three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-six Dollars (\$23,876) of its unreserved fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2013, of its unreserved fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2013, to the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions or to take any other action in relation thereto. If there is an insufficient, undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2013 to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 4 (Capital Reserve Fund), Article 4 will be funded first, with any additional surplus to be applied to this warrant article. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven-Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-six Dollars (\$11,896.00) to purchase backstops for the baseball field and for the softball field behind the Westmoreland School. The Westmoreland Youth Sports & Boosters Organization is contributing Three-Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for this project. Another Five-hundred Dollars (\$500.00) will be donated by a local Westmoreland family. The remaining balance, eight-thousand three-hundred ninety-six dollars (\$8,396.00), to be raised by taxation. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 14th day of February, 2013.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

Debra M. Hunter, Chair

Justine Fletcher Stuart

R. Adams

Michael J. Acerno, Jr.

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**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2013-2014 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	BUDGET 2011-12	ACTUAL 2011-12	BUDGET 2012-13	Budget Committee's & School Board's PROPOSED 2013-14	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$1,793,232	\$1,630,609	\$1,781,064	\$1,848,066	3.76%	52.96%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$105,848	\$105,828	\$105,456	\$97,269	-7.76%	2.79%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$379,708	\$389,738	\$380,157	\$402,438	5.86%	11.53%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$2,278,788	\$2,126,174	\$2,266,677	\$2,347,773	3.58%	67.27%
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$595,188	\$643,134	\$579,700	\$723,521	24.81%	20.73%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT (Reg)	\$47,817	\$44,728	\$48,000	\$50,000	4.17%	1.43%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRUC.	\$208,664	\$188,520	\$179,968	\$191,008	6.13%	5.47%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT (Sp)	\$0	\$0	\$10,500	\$0	0.00%	0.00%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST	\$851,669	\$876,381	\$818,168	\$964,529	17.89%	27.64%
SAU #29	\$166,496	\$166,496	\$172,412	\$177,564	2.99%	5.09%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,296,953	\$3,169,051	\$3,257,257	\$3,489,866	7.14%	100.00%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL	\$3,296,953	\$3,169,051	\$3,257,257	\$3,489,866	7.14%	100.00%

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2013-2014 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	BUDGET 2011-12	ACTUAL 2011-12	BUDGET 2012-13	Budget Committee's & School Board's PROPOSED 2013-14	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION (GRADES K-8 - 165 Students Projected)						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$601,632	\$615,936	\$625,353	\$619,305		
Benefits	\$242,191	\$254,929	\$241,833	\$281,954		
Purchased Instructional Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Repair Equipment	\$1,350	\$109	\$1,350	\$1,350		
Mileage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$20,074	\$16,266	\$20,883	\$38,071		
Equipment	\$3,000	\$2,891	\$3,000	\$3,000		
Furniture	\$1,200	\$285	\$700	\$500		
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$869,447	\$890,417	\$893,119	\$944,180	5.72%	27.05%
CO-CURRICULAR						
Salaries & Benefits	\$14,043	\$13,946	\$14,017	\$15,272		
Assemblies/Officials	\$5,240	\$3,604	\$5,240	\$5,240		
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$2,350	\$1,624	\$2,350	\$2,350		
Dues and Fees	\$2,834	\$2,234	\$2,325	\$3,000		
TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR	\$24,467	\$21,408	\$23,932	\$25,862	8.06%	0.74%
SCHOOL SERVICES						
Attendance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Guidance	\$32,185	\$24,137	\$25,120	\$29,951		
Health	\$24,270	\$24,175	\$24,428	\$24,432		
TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES	\$56,455	\$48,311	\$49,548	\$54,383	9.76%	1.56%

Budget Committee's & School Board's					
	BUDGET 2011-12	ACTUAL 2011-12	BUDGET 2012-13	PROPOSED 2013-14	% CHANGE
					% TOTAL BUDGET
STAFF DEVELOPMENT					
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$962	\$916	\$980	\$1,003	
Course Reimbursement	\$8,000	\$5,900	\$9,000	\$9,000	
Management Development	\$2,000	\$1,070	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Staff Development	\$4,000	\$3,673	\$4,000	\$4,000	
Travel	\$0	\$377	\$0	\$0	
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$200	\$948	\$200	\$200	
TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$15,162	\$12,884	\$16,180	\$16,203	0.14%
					0.46%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA					
Salary & Benefits	\$48,872	\$53,000	\$52,208	\$54,898	
Media Membership	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Library Books & Supplies	\$3,000	\$1,554	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Equipment/Software	\$1,000	\$499	\$1,284	\$1,000	
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	\$52,872	\$55,053	\$56,492	\$58,898	4.26%
					1.69%
SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS					
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,360	\$3,013	\$3,443	\$3,443	
Legal/Audit Services	\$7,800	\$6,300	\$7,800	\$7,800	
Other School District Expenses	\$1,225	\$751	\$1,225	\$1,225	
School Board Association	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS	\$12,385	\$10,063	\$12,468	\$12,468	0.00%
					0.36%

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				
	BUDGET 2011-12	ACTUAL 2011-12	BUDGET 2012-13	PROPOSED 2013-14	% CHANGE % TOTAL BUDGET
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION					
Principal's Salary	\$70,390	\$70,000	\$71,400	\$74,256	
Secretary's Salary	\$31,035	\$31,879	\$31,606	\$33,335	
Benefits	\$39,801	\$38,552	\$38,074	\$44,403	
Copier / Maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,710	\$11,500	\$1,500	
Telephone	\$8,900	\$8,103	\$9,500	\$9,500	
Postage/Printing	\$850	\$360	\$900	\$700	
Supplies/Mileage	\$2,100	\$623	\$2,100	\$2,100	
Software	\$2,209	\$2,197	\$3,336	\$2,693	
Equipment/Furniture	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200	
Professional Dues	\$100	\$89	\$100	\$850	
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$157,085	\$153,514	\$168,716	\$169,537	0.49%
					4.86%
BUILDING SERVICES					
Salaries	\$48,924	\$52,198	\$49,826	\$53,806	
Benefits	\$27,593	\$27,645	\$27,688	\$30,004	
Rubbish Removal	\$3,500	\$2,748	\$3,500	\$3,500	
Maintenance Services	\$16,830	\$17,395	\$16,400	\$16,300	
Repairs to Building	\$8,731	\$10,026	\$30,000	\$30,000	
Special Projects	\$60,970	\$60,970	\$0	\$0	
Property/Liability Insurance	\$5,500	\$5,341	\$5,750	\$5,750	
Supplies/Materials	\$9,500	\$8,459	\$9,500	\$9,700	
Electricity	\$22,000	\$22,614	\$23,000	\$24,500	
Oil/ Propane	\$30,500	\$32,072	\$31,000	\$34,875	
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	
TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	\$234,048	\$239,468	\$203,664	\$208,435	2.34%
					5.97%

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				
	BUDGET 2011-12	ACTUAL 2011-12	BUDGET 2012-13	PROPOSED 2013-14	% CHANGE
					% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION					
Regular Elementary	\$122,958	\$127,652	\$130,000	\$135,200	
Athletic	\$2,400	\$2,837	\$2,900	\$2,900	
Field Trips	\$2,700	\$2,057	\$2,500	\$2,500	
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.	\$128,058	\$132,546	\$135,400	\$140,600	3.84%
STAFF SERVICES					
Unemployment/Student Loan Repay	\$1,000	\$807	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Criminal Record Check/ Staff Physicals	\$1,500	\$1,365	\$1,500	\$1,500	
TOTAL STAFF SERVICES	\$2,500	\$2,172	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.00%
FUND TRANSFERS					
Transfer to Food Services	\$125,000	\$39,019	\$125,000	\$125,000	
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000	\$90,000	
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$4,045	\$0	
Transfer to Expendable Trust	\$10,753	\$10,753	\$0	\$0	
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$240,753	\$64,772	\$219,045	\$215,000	-1.85%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$1,793,232	\$1,630,609	\$1,781,064	\$1,848,066	3.76%
DEBT SERVICE					
Principle	\$87,000	\$87,000	\$90,000	\$85,000	
Bond Interest	\$18,848	\$18,828	\$15,456	\$12,269	
Interest on Cat. Aid Borrowing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$105,848	\$105,828	\$105,456	\$97,269	-7.76%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCTION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$1,899,080	\$1,736,436	\$1,886,520	\$1,945,335	3.12%
					55.74%

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				
	BUDGET 2011-12	ACTUAL 2011-12	BUDGET 2012-13	PROPOSED 2013-14	% CHANGE
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION					
Salaries	\$112,085	\$105,908	\$105,964	\$124,275	
Benefits	\$63,450	\$58,285	\$63,183	\$57,509	
Vision/Audiology/Purchased Service	\$0	\$2,579	\$0	\$0	
Supplies/Books/Equipment/Mileage	\$1,950	\$1,664	\$1,950	\$1,950	
Elementary/MS Out-of-District Tuition	\$90,960	\$88,111	\$101,779	\$81,000	
Pre-School Tuition	\$14,620	\$22,212	\$6,000	\$21,660	
Psychology	\$10,000	\$5,035	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Speech	\$26,200	\$45,180	\$42,200	\$42,200	
OT/PT	\$15,500	\$21,111	\$16,500	\$21,400	
In-house Summer Program	\$3,793	\$1,725	\$3,581	\$2,444	
Elementary Special Transportation	\$41,150	\$37,929	\$29,000	\$40,000	
TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUCT.	\$379,708	\$389,738	\$380,157	\$402,438	5.86%
					11.53%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST					
	\$2,278,788	\$2,126,174	\$2,266,677	\$2,347,773	3.58%
					67.27%
HIGH SCHOOL					
REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS					
Keene High School (61 students @ \$11,861)	\$595,188	\$643,134	\$579,700	\$723,521	
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS	\$595,188	\$643,134	\$579,700	\$723,521	24.81%
					20.73%

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
	BUDGET 2011-12	ACTUAL 2011-12	BUDGET 2012-13	PROPOSED 2013-14		
TRANSPORTATION						
Regular - Keene High School	\$47,817	\$44,728	\$48,000	\$50,000		
TOTAL REG. HS TRANSPORT.	\$47,817	\$44,728	\$48,000	\$50,000	4.17%	1.43%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$643,005	\$687,862	\$627,700	\$773,521	23.23%	22.16%
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Keene High School Tuition (8 students @ \$23,876)	\$170,864	\$187,120	\$179,968	\$191,008	6.13%	5.47%
High School Out-of-District Special Instr. Transportation	\$37,800 \$0	\$1,400 \$0	\$0 \$10,500	\$0 \$0		
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$208,664	\$188,520	\$190,468	\$191,008	0.28%	5.47%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$851,669	\$876,381	\$818,168	\$964,529	17.89%	27.64%
ADMINISTRATION						
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$166,496	\$166,496	\$172,412	\$177,564	2.99%	5.09%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,296,953	\$3,169,051	\$3,257,257	\$3,489,866	7.14%	100.00%
PRIOR YEAR DEFICIT APPROP.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,296,953	\$3,169,051	\$3,257,257	\$3,489,866	7.14%	100.00%

WESTMORELAND
2013-14 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	2012-13 BUDGET	2013-14 PROPOSED	% INCREASE	\$ INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$0		
Local Property Taxes	\$1,959,848	\$2,161,033	10.27%	\$201,185
Tuition	\$0	\$0		
Interest	\$600	\$600		
Lunch Local	\$55,000	\$55,000		
Transport. Fees	\$1,300	\$1,300		
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$4,000	\$4,000		
N.H. Property Tax	\$433,606	\$434,867	0.29%	\$1,261
N.H Adequacy Aid	\$614,400	\$628,746	2.33%	\$14,346
N.H. Building Aid	\$29,730	\$28,333		
N.H. Catastrophic Aid	\$22,444	\$37,987		
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$12,000	\$18,000		
Federal Funds	\$90,000	\$90,000		
Lunch - Federal	\$28,000	\$28,000		
Transfer to Trust Funds	\$4,044	\$0		
Sale of Bond	\$0	\$0		
Transfer from Trust Funds	\$0	\$0		
Prior Year Transfer	\$285	\$0		
TOTALS	\$3,257,257	\$3,489,866	7.14%	\$232,609
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET (Local and State School Tax)			8.46%	\$202,446
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET			\$1.1624	
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000			\$116.24	

WARRANT ARTICLE PROJECTED TAX IMPACT	Total Amount	Total Tax	TAX IMPACT
Warrant Article #2 (School Budget)	\$3,489,866	\$2,595,900	\$1.16
Warrant Article #3 (Collective Bargaining Agreement)	\$24,264	\$24,264	\$0.14
Warrant Article #4 (Surplus to Bldg. Cap. Res. Fund)	\$15,000	\$0	\$0.00
Warrant Article #5 (Surplus to Tuition Exp. Trust Fund)	\$23,876	\$0	\$0.00
Warrant Article #6 (Raise Funds for New Backstops)	\$11,896	\$8,396	\$0.05
TOTAL	\$3,564,902	\$2,628,560	\$1.35
TOTAL BUDGET WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES		\$3,564,902	
BUDGET INCREASE WITH ALL ARTICLES		\$307,645	9.4%
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES		9.82%	
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM BUDGET & WARRANT ARTICLES		\$1.3499	
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000		\$134.99	

Historical School Tax Chart	Year	Rate	Total School Tax Dollars	State Ed. Aid	% Tax Change from Previous Year
	2004-05	\$13.99	\$2,016,150	\$617,212	
	2005-06	\$13.09	\$1,903,423	\$601,430	-5.59%
	2006-07	\$9.47	\$1,881,499	\$601,430	-1.15%
	2007-08	\$9.99	\$2,002,834	\$631,502	6.45%
	2008-09	\$10.13	\$2,054,100	\$631,502	2.56%
	2009-10	\$10.49	\$2,138,441	\$648,046	4.11%
	2010-11	\$10.92	\$2,234,211	\$614,399	4.48%
	2011-12	\$13.75	\$2,394,596	\$614,400	7.18%
	2012-13	\$13.76	\$2,393,454	\$614,400	-0.05%
budget article only	2013-14	\$14.92	\$2,595,900	\$628,746	8.46%
with warrant articles	2013-14	\$15.11	\$2,628,560	\$628,746	9.82%

**DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES
AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED PER RSA 32:11-a

	2010-11 ACTUAL	2011-12 ACTUAL
REVENUE		
State Adequacy Aid for Special Ed.	\$45,732	\$45,509
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$48,692	\$44,496
Medicaid Reim.	\$34,098	\$28,833
Catastrophic Aid	\$28,153	\$23,043
TOTAL REVENUE	\$156,675	\$141,882
EXPENSE		
Instruction and Services	\$581,067	\$530,063
Transportation	\$33,884	\$37,929
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$48,692	\$44,496
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$663,643	\$612,488
NET COST	\$506,968	\$470,606

Westmoreland School District Meeting
March 16, 2012

Moderator R. Bruce Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Before beginning the meeting Mr. Smith shared a story of some of their employees that come from another country that tells him how excited they are to come to the "land of freedom". Mr. Smith also asked that if people have any questions that they be asked through him as Moderator and noted that if anyone needed a Town Report there were some available on the table.

Mr. Smith read Article I:

Article I: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto: The article was moved by Mr. Michael Acerno, seconded by Mrs. Debra Hunter. Moderator Smith read the results of the election: R. Bruce Smith Moderator for one year, Michael Acerno and Stuart Adams School Board Members for three years, Melissa Lemnah Treasurer for one year, and Debra Nelson Clerk for one year. Mr. Smith asked for discussion, hearing none, Mr. Smith repeated Article I and asked for a voice vote, the article passed.

Mr. Smith read Article II:

Article II: To see if the district will vote to appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$3,252,928 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. The School Board also recommends \$3,252,928. The article was moved by Mr. Acerno, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Smith asked for discussion, hearing none, Mr. Smith repeated Article II and asked for a voice vote, the article passed.

Mr. Smith read Article III:

Article III: To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the School Board to transfer up to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) of its unreserved fund balance, if any remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2012 to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)* The article was moved by Mr. Acerno, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Smith asked for discussion, hearing none, Mr. Smith repeated Article III, asked for a voice vote, the article passed.

Mr. Smith explained the error typed in Article IV, the written amount of Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six Dollars should read the same as the numerical amount in the parenthesis that is shown as (\$22,496).

Mr. Smith the read Article IV with the corrected wording:

Article IV: To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the School Board to transfer up to Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$22,496) of its unreserved fund balance, if any,

remaining on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2012, to the Special Education/High School tuition fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future Year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions or to take any other action in relation thereto. If there is an insufficient, undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2012 to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article III (Capital Reserve Fund), Article III will be funded first, with any additional surplus to be applied to this warrant article. (*The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.*) The article was moved by Mr. Acerno, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Smith asked for any discussion. Mr. Robert Moore inquired if perhaps the wording was incorrect and should it read, raise and appropriate the sum of (\$22,496). Mr. Timothy Ruehr (SAU 29 Business Manager for Towns) stated that the wording is correct as they were not raising funds for this purpose it is only if funds remain from the already authorized budget. Mr. Smith asked if there was any other discussion, hearing none, Mr. Smith repeated Article IV and asked for a voice vote, the article passed.

Mr. Smith read Article V:

Article V: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Mrs. Nancy Hillier presented a gift and thanked Patricia Bentrup for her years of service with the Supervisors of the Checklist. Mr. Smith noted that he feels that when living in a small community it is each person who volunteers that makes our community great. Introductions of the School Board Members, SAU 29 Personnel, School Principal, Moderator, District Clerk, and the Supervisors of the Checklist. Mrs. Nancy Sandahl reminded and invited all to the Westmoreland Old Home Days Celebration scheduled for August 17th, 18th and 19th and listed out several activities and fundraisers to come. Mr. Smith asked for any other business to come before the meeting, hearing none Mr. Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, a motion by Mr. Acerno, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Smith asked for a voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra J. Nelson
District Clerk

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 to June 20, 2012

Melissa Lemnah, District Treasurer

Cash on hand July 1, 2011 (Treasurer's bank balance)	(7,052.56)
Current Appropriation	2,394,596.00
Revenue from State Sources	827,773.14
Revenue from Federal Sources	32,123.92
Received from all other sources	95,302.23
Total Receipts	3,349,795.29
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance & Receipts)	3,342,742.73
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	3,365,939.19
Balance on hand June 30, 2012 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	(23,196.46)

DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

FROM WHOM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Bank	Interest	549.12
Fairpoint Communications	E-Rate	4,355.87
Federal Government	REAP	12,623.62
Federal Government	Federal lunch Reimbursement	19,500.30
NH Retirement	Refunds	4,577.96
Other	Miscellaneous Income	38,714.56
Parents	Lunch	45,059.44
Parents	Transportation (bus money)	1,945.28
Parents	Tuition	100.00
State of NH	Building Aid	28,830.00
State of NH	Cat Aid	23,043.48
State of NH	Ed Jobs	23,251.23
State of NH	Equitable Aid	613,868.12
State of NH	IDEA	64,885.97
State of NH	Medicaid	35,069.85
State of NH	Medicare	2,603.27
State of NH	School Lunch Reimbursement	848.32
State of NH	Title I	32,217.69
State of NH	Title II	3,155.21
Town	Tax Appropriation	2,394,596.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR		3,349,795.29

Insurance	Payment for damages	585.76
Squam Lakes	Transportation refund	450.00
Sherwin Williams	Refund	241.43
Edward Jones	Trust	16,000.00
Keene School District	Access Refund	16,400.00
SAU 29	Federal Reimb.	4,998.41
People's Bank	error on check; July 2011	(0.02)
Jodi Scanlon	reimb. for Sysco items	38.98
TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR		38,714.56

Mark P. Hayward, Jr -----Principal

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Debbie Nelson ----- Secretary
Kendra DiLegge ----- School Counselor
Lori Castagna ----- Special Education
Stacey Inzer ----- Reading Specialist
Cameron Fisk ----- Athletic Director

Rachael Fowler ----- Kindergarten
Stacy Riendeau ----- Grade 1
Karen Durling ----- Grade 2
Leslie Carlson ----- Grade 3
Henry Bailly ----- Grade 4
Katherine Fisk ----- Grade 5/Middle School Math
Cheryl Patty ----- Grade 6/Middle School Science
Melissa Crotto-Young ----- Grade 7/Middle School Language Arts
Paul Deschenes ----- Grade 8/Middle School Social Studies

Rebecca LaQuerre ----- Art
Robert Stack ----- Media Specialist
Carlson Barrett ----- Music/Band/Chorus
Cameron Fisk ----- Physical Education/Middle School Health
Scott Aronowit ----- World Language/Spanish

Nancy McKenna-Classroom Aide
Jennifer Schlichting-Classroom Aide
Dawn Cummings-Tutor
Zac Blake-50% Special Ed and 50% Classroom Aide
Kathy Sportello-50% SPED Aide/Classroom Aide
Beth Pearce-SPED Aide

Denise Sargent ----- Educational Evaluator
Bonnie Craft ----- School Psychologist
Pam Prentiss ----- Occupational Therapist
Robert Hamilton ----- Speech/Language Pathologist
Cindy Wood/Jill Gourley ----- School Nurse
Marcia Winchester ----- Kitchen Manager
Robert Miles/William Fletcher ----- Custodians

8th GRADE GRADUATES

Danielle Acerno
Garrett Adams
Isaac Cleveland
Megan M. Dille
Kayla Franklin
Kristin Franklin
Amber Goodrich
Dylan Greenwood

Rylee Hayes
Calvin Hunter
Tanner Huntley
Grayson King
Amanda Laine
Hannah Majewski
Jacob Matthews

Nikolas Morton
(Joseph) Eli Moses
Emma Piers
Brandon Poklemba
Emma Priebe
Devon Russell
Lillian Wright

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

To quote Bob Dylan... "Times They Are a-Changing". Dylan made this line famous in the 1960's and it rings true, in education perhaps more than ever, today. Budgets are tight, federal and state funding is being dramatically reduced, healthcare and retirement costs are rising, the one thing that has not decreased is the desire to provide the very best education for all students. The challenge is to provide optimal education for all students in the face of serious fiscal realities. The Westmoreland School District has been fortunate to have engaged citizens who value the importance of a quality education and who, in the toughest of times, have come out strongly in support of school district budgets.

Westmoreland is fortunate to attract top quality candidates to serve as school board members. I have had the honor of working with five such dedicated individuals (and the ones who filled their seats before them) as we work through the challenges of presenting a fiscally responsible budget to the taxpayers of Westmoreland. The discussions have always been thoughtful, often difficult, but always with the best interest of our students in mind.

This year, we have been presented with many challenges. As we look ahead to the 2013-2014 budget, we need to address approximately \$16,100 in mandatory increases to the NH Retirement System as well as \$22,800 in required increases for health insurance payments (10% premium increase).

Over the past six years, the state legislature has defined its constitutional obligation to fund and create an accountability system for the delivery of an adequate education. To fully fund this adequacy aid and to fund current educational aid programs for next year, the state legislature and governor will face the need:

1. To raise an additional \$578,236,605 to fund adequacy for next year. To fund the amount the Legislature will need to keep the "Hold Harmless provision" amounting to \$138,786,000. The last Legislature reduced aid through changes in calculated values by about 140 million dollars.
2. To lift the cap on the 38 districts that are currently capped at no more than a 5% increase would require an additional \$20,135,515 million dollars.
3. To fully fund the special education catastrophic aid program would require about \$12 million new dollars in appropriation above the current \$21 million.
4. To fully fund vocational tuition and transportation aid would require an additional \$5-6 million dollars above the current \$6 million.
5. To fund building aid at the low rate called for in the new law, will require about \$ 50 million dollars. This amount would first pay down the \$45 million already owed to taxpayers and only leave about \$5 million to fund all those projects waiting for assistance after the current 4-year moratorium.

Sadly, something else that has been changing in schools in recent years is concern over school safety. We all remember too well Columbine, Virginia Tech, and our hearts are still aching for the families and community of Newtown, Connecticut. While there was precious little I could do to ease the burden on the families in Connecticut in the throes of such despicable evil, I tried to do what I could to allay concerns of the families and staff of SAU 29 schools. We responded immediately in the wake of the tragedy in Connecticut by sending out via *Blackboard Connect* a message to all families alerting them to the situation in Connecticut. The day after the events unfolded we gathered school counselors and administrators to offer support to parents, students, and staff. The following Monday, our schools resumed a normal routine with counselors on hand to lend further support to our school community. The SAU 29 Safety Committee met to review all safety procedures in our schools. A safety assessment will be conducted at the Westmoreland School to ensure that our school is a safe haven. On December 20 I met with a representative from Senator Kelly Ayotte's office to request federal funding for school additional safety measures. It is my hope that Congress will appropriate funds as part of a "safe schools" initiative in the next few months.

Times are also changing in positive ways. We are well on our way to a move to the Common Core Standards. The standards define the knowledge and skills students should have within their K-12 education careers so that they will graduate high school fully prepared for college and careers. Forty-five states have adopted the Common Core Standards. This means that our students will be held to a national standard, that the opportunities for our students to align their education with their peers across the nation will result in a better prepared nation of learners introduced into real-world environments. Many exciting opportunities are on the horizon, many obstacles still need to be overcome. I am confident that the dedicated professionals and community members who have long-supported the education system in Westmoreland will continue to do so. Westmoreland has a supportive community that values education and is on the forefront of initiatives that will produce educated, responsible citizens of the future to make a difference in the world.

Westmoreland students are doing very well at Keene High School. The overall attendance rate at KHS is 94.90%, Westmoreland's overall attendance rate is 96.25%. Keene High Schools total GPA for 2011-2012 is 2.84, Westmoreland students at KHS have a combined grade point average of 3.10.

Westmoreland students continue to perform well on the state-wide reading and math assessment, NECAP. Once again students from Westmoreland scored above the state average in both reading and math.

Westmoreland seniors reported plans to attend post-secondary educational institutions last spring. These schools included: New Hampshire Technical Institute, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Keene State College, Colby-Sawyer College, Cazenovia College, Plymouth State University, Queen's University of Charlotte, Franklin Pierce University, Lincoln Technical Institute, Vermont Technical College, Lakes Region Community College.

At least one Westmoreland student participated in each of the following Keene High School extra-curricular activities: A Cappella Choir, Band, Boys Baseball Frosh, Boys Baseball JV, Bowling, Boys Basketball JV, Boys Cross Country, Boys Lacrosse, Boys Lacrosse JV, Boys Soccer Frosh, Boys Soccer Varsity, Boys Tennis, Boys Track, Boys Volleyball Varsity, Chinese Club, Chorus, Class Council, Dance Team, Destination Imagination, Drama Club, FCCLA (Family & Career Community Leaders of America), Field Hockey JV, Football Frosh, Football JV, Football Varsity, FFA (An Association of Agriculture Students), Girls Basketball Frosh, Girls Basketball JV, Girls Cross Country, Girls Lacrosse, Girls Soccer JV, Girls Soccer Varsity, Girls Track, Girls Volleyball Varsity, Ice Hockey, Jazz Band, Literary, Math Team, National Art Society, Nordic Skiing, Peer Mediation, Renaissance, Safe School Ambassadors, Sierra, Softball JV, Student Council, Free Tibet, Ushers, Wildlife Conservation Club and Young Monadnock Cares.

The constructive working relationship between the school board and staff continues to promote continuous school improvement. This is facilitated by good communication between the staff and board and by board members' recognition of, and positive interaction with, the staff.

We invite you to visit Westmoreland School, attend a school-related activity, or participate in a school board meeting; we encourage you to attend the Annual District Meeting on Friday March 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Thank, you for your support of Westmoreland's children and their education.

Wayne Woolridge
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Enrollment

This past fall we were excited to welcome 16 kindergarten students to Westmoreland School, and we have since had one in that class move, but also had four students (in other grades) move in which brings our overall enrollment as of January 25, 2013 to 171 students. Here are the current class sizes:

K-15 1-20 2-19 3-19 4-15 5-24 6-14 7-23 8-22

Westmoreland School Improvement Goals for 2012-2013

These are three sets of goals common to all schools in SAU 29 and each school works in their own way to meet them. Here are some examples of what we have been doing.

Improving Student Learning: Fully Implement RTI by the end of the year.

This year we created a new schedule for our school, that left the K-4 schedule with some minor changes, but changed the whole middle school more completely. One of the goals was to schedule a common weekly meeting time for our elementary and middle school teams to meet.

The main purpose for these meetings is to go over Response to Intervention (RtI) issues which means discussing what individual student needs are and identifying students who are struggling and may need further assistance. Another focus in this area will be the role of the school Data Team in helping teachers effectively monitor student progress and provide instructive assessments. Last summer Data Team member and Title I teacher Amy Royce created data binders for each teacher with student goal sheets and MAPS test results, lexile scores, etc. to help create a uniform and efficient system of tracking and improving student learning. In addition, this year Stacey Inzer, our Reading Specialist, has been trained to use the progress monitoring system known as AIMSweb and has started collaborating with teachers in working with students to gauge their progress with this efficient process.

The new schedule also allowed for the expanded role of our PE/Health teacher and Athletic Director, Mr. Fisk, whose position was increased from 80% to 100%. Middle school PE now meets twice a week instead of once a week and now all K-8 health classes are covered by Mr. Fisk, using a new, comprehensive curriculum with logical progression each year.

The middle school Reading program was also expanded to four classes a week instead of three for most grades. We added a special "Math Study Skills" class that meets once a week for 5th and 6th grade to help assist with organization, math/school work, and the big transition to middle school. Our librarian/media specialist, Robert Stack opened up the media center in the mornings before school so students can come and work on projects where they may need extra time/assistance. Finally, Spanish is also now once again taught to grades 3 and 4 to help familiarize them with another language leading up to middle school.

Improving Organizational Efficiency: Implement Plans to Improve Efficiency in the Areas of Staffing and Energy Consumption

This year we did away with the small water bottles that had been provided at meals in order to reduce waste and the mess that they create. This has been very successful as we asked students to keep their own water bottles full and be responsible for them and they have done a great job. We started a new policy of sending only one notice/paper home per family. This helps save paper and waste and hopefully helps with organization for families by cutting down on the flood of paper we all deal with.

The new generator was installed last summer and has been a huge asset in keeping the school running seamlessly during power outages. This was a big project that will be a long-term benefit to the school and community we are thankful for all the work that was done to make this possible. While the installation work was being done we were able to update our adjacent water well area to proper safety and code requirements in a cost effective manner. We continued to update the painting needs of our facility and also seal coated the parking lot to increase its durability and longevity. We also had repairs made to our exit/fire doors in the middle school wing that will increase energy efficiency and safety. The Facilities Committee continues to meet with the goal of maintaining the school/grounds and improving building efficiency. In addition, our fourth grade class still runs our school wide recycling program and we all work every day to reduce waste and streamline our system.

This past year we also entered into a partnership with Keene State College (modeled after a program that has been implemented recently at Marlborough School) to increase involvement with the student teacher program by having students work here for both their Methods II courses and their student teaching semester. This will allow them to become more familiar with the school over a longer period of time. This will also help them learn about school operation and make connections with the students more effectively and will add another more consistent level of assistance for our students. Advocating for Public Education and Students: Implement Initiatives that Will Increase Community Involvement in Their School.

The Westmoreland Old Home Days initiative was something that many of us were a part of last summer and it was a great and successful weekend. We had multiple events at the school (talent show, kids games, a marketplace, softball game, and contra dance). In addition to these events there was also great participation in the parade and tug-of war from many of our students and their families. The community Old Home Days event will be a continued focus as we see how our school's role will continue and develop in the future.

The Student of the Month Lion's Club Luncheon was very rewarding last year and we have been able to continue it this year with the continued generous support of the Westmoreland Lion's Club and the great job done hosting the event by the Westmoreland Village Store and Eatery. This year we also added recognition certificates to be given to each honoree. We also would like to thank the Lion's Club for continuing to work with us in financially supporting our yearly reward event for students and for the holiday gifts/support that they and the Westmoreland United Church provide to give to families. The PTA Fun Run is a great community event and was a success this past year with people saying there was more student participation than ever before. Still, we have much room for growth in all categories/age groups. Our goal this year is to really get the word out and double the amount of participants we had this past spring.

Last summer we built a "Gaga" court for the school, (a new type of dodge-ball where the ball is rolled at the feet within a "fenced in" area) using materials generously supplied by the PTA. This has been a huge hit with the students who play every recess, and working with the PTA to make this happen was a great experience. We also had a great "Staff vs. Parents soccer game" this past fall and are planning similar events in basketball, volleyball, and softball this spring.

The Westmoreland Public Library has consistently been a great partner presenting outstanding programs for our young readers who look forward to their occasional visits to the library and we appreciate the incredible outreach work the library staff puts together.

New Faculty

We added some great new faculty members this year who have quickly adjusted to being Westmoreland Bulldogs and are doing a great job meeting the needs of our students. Zakery Blake joined the special education staff, Rebecca Laquerre is our new Art teacher who has been working also at Nelson, Harrisville, and Marlow, and Scott Aronowitz is our new Spanish teacher who we share with Nelson and Marlow. Westmorelander Bob Hamilton is our new Speech/Language Pathologist that we share with KHS and we share Bonnie Craft with Chesterfield as our Psychologist. Brandon Caldwell was our outstanding new boys soccer coach this past fall.

Academics

We would like to congratulate Emily Bunszel as the Valedictorian and Lydia Hurley as the Salutatorian of the Westmoreland School graduating class of 2012. We had nine students participate in the commencement ceremonies and successfully move on to Keene High School where they have been doing very well. We believe in a well -rounded education at Westmoreland School where all students study the core subjects such as Math, Science, English/Language Arts, Social Studies, Reading/Spelling, and also participate in our "specials" such as Music, Art, Physical Education, Health, Guidance, and Library Technology. Students in grade 3-8 also study Spanish.

In other areas of assessment, our fall New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) scores in Reading and Math for grades 3-8, and in Writing for grades 5 and 8 placed us among the successful schools in the region that were again ahead of the state averages. This year we again had

exciting competitions in the national Geography Bee and Spelling Bee programs with Geography Bee champion Ben McRae and Spelling Bee champion Carter Olmstead (both 6th graders!) earning the right to represent our school at the state level

This year we continued our letter-writing program for everyone at Westmoreland School. We have a mailbox in the front lobby and students and staff can send letters to each other by putting letters in the mailbox and they are delivered each week. Each class has a directory list and a mail envelope on the wall outside their room where mail is delivered. We hope this will continue to be a fun way to create strong writing skills in our school community.

This past fall we had twenty-one 8th grade students participate in the Cheshire YMCA's American Heritage Tour (AHT) in September and six 7th graders participate in the New England Heritage Tour (NEHT) in October. We also continue to send the 6th graders to the Sargent Center's Outdoor Education program in September during AHT week. These programs continue to be a big part of our student's learning experience and great opportunities that have a large positive impact on the life of each student who participates.

Arts and Enrichment

Our students continue to enjoy and benefit from our fine and performing arts program led by our new Art teacher Mrs. Laquerre, and our experienced veteran, Mr. Barrett. Mrs. LaQuerre has continued to display great examples of our student's art work in the front lobby case and in the multi-purpose room for everyone to enjoy. Mr. Barrett's band and music programs continue to shine with another excellent holiday concert this past December and a spring concert planned for May.

This year we have New Hampshire Dance Institute (NHDI) each week for grades 4-6, and their theme is "Dance Me A Story". They are led by Ms. Jessica Lamoureux and they will perform over Memorial Day weekend at Keene State College. For our younger students have an NHDI residency program here in February led by Lisa Cook for grades K-3. This year we are also bringing back Children's Stage Adventures (they brought the "Princess and the Pea" to our school in 2008) to lead many of our students in the drama production of "The Sword Excalibur" which will happen the week of April 15-20. Our school Bell Choir continues to shine under the volunteer leadership of Mrs. Nancy Newton (who still travels out here each Friday afternoon to lead the group) with the organizational assistance of Mrs. Wendy Acerno. In addition to the winter concert this year, the Bell Choir also performed at the SAU 29 offices and Bentley Commons.

In the area of student recognition, we also added a couple of class based awards called the "Unbelievable Class Awards" with one each for elementary and middle school. They are given to a class that has worked together and done something awesome and is another way to encourage students to collaborate for positive change.

Athletics and Wellness

Last spring we piloted (led by Mr. Fisk) an after school cross-country running and walking group for students, staff and parents. We had good parent participation and support and this past fall Mr. Fisk took it a step further with a middle school team that participated in competitive meets scheduled with other area schools. We had great participation and an outstanding season. In addition, this past fall we had many students participate in the 1st Annual Demar Kid's Marathon where students had to log in at least 25 miles of running over the summer and then complete one final mile during marathon day to make it a marathon length achievement.

All of this and more is part of the bigger Vision 20/20 community initiative in which

Westmoreland School has been an active participant. The Westmoreland School Board became an organizational "Champion" last year and this past summer Westmoreland School became the first K-8 "Champion School", achieving a Silver with distinction. (The "distinction" refers to the fact that we have 80% of our staff that signed on to be individual champions.)

Mr. Fisk has continued the "President's Challenge" with PE classes this year and the students have enjoyed challenging themselves in the different events. On the middle school sports front, it

was a fun soccer season with beautiful weather for our annual tournament, and both teams competed valiantly, with the girl's team garnering the third place trophy. Our basketball teams had a great regular season with winning records (led by Coach Henry Bailly for the boys and Coach Amy Royce for the girls) and they finish up the season in February competing in their league tournaments. Mr. Fisk worked to create a great 1st Annual baseball and softball tournament for our league that we were able to hold at the Keene State College fields last spring and we look forward to continuing this excellent new tradition this spring. As always, the Westmoreland Youth Sports Boosters Organization (WYSBO), led by Wendy Acerno, is a huge asset to all our sports programs at the school and in the town, tirelessly putting together numerous opportunities for participation, helping to maintain athletic facilities, and fundraising to support our programs.

Community Service

Our middle school students at the Westmoreland School continued to perform hundreds of hours of community service. They also raised hundreds of dollars to donate to various charitable organizations. All middle school students are required to do 6 hours of community service as part of their Social Studies class, but many students do far more than was required. Beneficiaries of their efforts include our school, the Westmoreland Fire Department and youth sports leagues, community kitchens, Special Olympics, the Monadnock Humane Society, Maplewood Nursing Home, churches and many other charitable organizations.

Also, Mrs. Patty and the Student Council again led a school wide non-perishable food drive (and dance) to collect food and raise funds for the Community Kitchen in Keene. We collected close to a thousand pounds of food that we were glad to deliver before the holidays. Student Council also raised funds that were donated to Sandy Hook Elementary School and there was a snowflake decoration drive led by the PTA to help decorate their "new" school.

Westmoreland PTA

The PTA has continued to be a strong supporter of Westmoreland School this year and has run some great programs for our school community. In addition to the efforts previously mentioned, they also donate funds for staff members to purchase "extras" and pursue special initiatives. Besides many other activities too numerous to list, they also organize the before school Meet and Greet in August, teacher appreciation week, the Fall Festival, Reflections Program, Book Fairs, the Holiday Craft Night, Super Bowl Subs and Pasta Fundraiser, the Spring Auction (March 23, 2013), the spring Fun Run (May 18, 2013).

Volunteers

We would like to thank our volunteers in the America Reads program that come here every week and work with our young learners. They are Ann Ray, Betsy Henchey, Kathy Cox, Bev Schmidt, Susan Smeaton, and Carrie Staples. We are thankful for their time, commitment, and dedication. We would also like to thank Clyde Simino for taking the time to help by brush-hogging around the grounds over the last couple of years, and Charlie and Josh Staples for helping with our playing fields when needed. Finally, there are many other people out there who give their time and effort to help our school in many different ways and for this we are grateful.

Other Ways to Help

There are some great (and relatively painless) ways people can help raise money for special programs at Westmoreland School with no cost to themselves. One way is with the "Hannaford Helps Schools" program where you simply put your Hannaford receipts in the Westmoreland School receptacle at the store near the checkout area each fall. (Note: The program is over for the remainder of this school year, but will start again next fall.) We also collect "Labels for Education" and "BoxTops4Education", so if you collect those from your grocery products we will gladly accept them and put them to good use.

We can also receive "Take Charge of Education" donation checks from Target Corp. that go toward student needs. When school supporters use a Target REDcard they can designate a school and up to 1% of their purchases will go toward the school. If you are interested and have a Target RED card, you can go to Target.com/tcoe to register and help our students out while you shop.

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